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From the President

Lisa Stokes-Hasten '78

Greetings!! Happy Spring 2010!! As your new President, I want all of you to know how very honored and excited I am to be involved in such a wonderful Alumni Association.

March Luncheon

I was so sorry to miss the March luncheon meeting. When the date was finally decided upon, I already had an unavoidable previous commitment, but I heard it was a terrific meeting. There were 112 attendees, and word has it that the sit down served meal was more enjoyable than getting up to a buffet.

Homecoming 2010

If this is not already on your calendar…mark it!! Saturday, October 16 and Sunday, October 17 are the dates for Homecoming 2010. On Saturday, there will be daytime activities at the School of Nursing, including a continental breakfast, a program of announcements and activities, as well as a light lunch. Excitement is on the horizon with a Live Auction, raffles, good music, good food, good friends and those strolls down memory lane!!

Then on Saturday evening we are planning a wonderful event of cocktails, food and music at the beautiful Westin Canal Place Hotel. We can't wait to raise a toast on the breathtaking open-air balcony overlooking the star-lit Mississippi River.

Rooms have been blocked off at the Westin with a special rate for those who wish to make their hotel reservations for Friday and Saturday. The Westin phone number is 1-888-627-8180, just tell them you are with the "Charity Alumni Homecoming" to get the special rate.

Then, on Sunday morning, the Alumni Breakfast Meeting will also be held at the Westin. Very convenient for those staying at the hotel, so even some locals may want to make reservations!

Encourage your classmates to plan a get together on Friday, October 15, or see them at the Homecoming! There will be prizes for the class with the most members who attend. If you would like to organize a reunion for your class, you can contact the Alumni Office to get everyone's contact information. It doesn't have to be a particular anniversary year to get the old gang together!

Look for the reservation form for Homecoming inside this issue!! Don't delay!!

Commemorative Bricks

One hundred and fourteen bricks have been sold!! The granite center plaque has been completed and placed on the wall of the outdoor courtyard. It is a beautiful centerpiece for our brick display and we are looking forward to having the first batch of commemorative bricks installed for Homecoming!

Along with our brick display, we are planning to beautify the outdoor courtyard to make it an appealing gathering place for students. This will include cleaning, painting, landscaping and possibly new outdoor furniture. If you have a green thumb, or would like to help us out with this project in any way, please contact the Alumni Office. We will let you know about committee meetings or volunteer "work days."

Senior Lunch

Alumni volunteers served lunch to the graduating seniors on March 24. The seniors spent the day in lectures and presentations on professional issues like licensure requirements, ethical and legal issues, and life-long learning. The alumni provided a lunch of finger sandwiches, salads, cookies and soft drinks during their noon break.

These lunches give the Alumni Association a little extra visibility at the right time as students look forward to graduation. The lunches are paid for by the sale of the Mailbox Banks and the Bricks.

Elections

Thank you to all the candidates who offered to run for office. Please see the list of officers inside this issue.

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In Memoriam

Sylvia Oneal Anker '55 12/7/09
Mary Staneff Baker '73 1/5/10
Gwendolyn Day Booth '50 11/3/09
Catherine Burgmeire '44 5/2/09
Shirley Aranda Christensen '95 2008
Gladys Schech Delarosa '47 2/7/10
Nelma Dupuis Dendy '48 1/2/10
Maria Esparza Day '49 12/5/09
Donelise Farmer Fernandez '67 10/31/09
Kathleen Picou Flynn '49 11/30/09
Veronica Rogowski Fischer '72 11/7/09
Patricia Andries Freeman '55 9/9/09
Gail Himel Freeman '57 3/12/10
Margie Byrd George '68 9/6/09
Charlotte Schmitt Hannum '04 1/29/10
Dione Ragan Harmon '54 1/18/10
Juliette Ann Lafond Kaufman '34 1/25/10
Elizabeth Heuvel Levasseur '50 10/22/09
Harriet Peper Lloyd '43 3/10
Caroline Avery Nelson '49 9/12/09
Wanda Armitage Roberts '96 12/20/09
Beverly Gagnon Schexnaildre '48 10/09
Elizabeth Hencely Shill '60 1/09
Joycelyn Schully Shoemaker '57 3/12/10

Looking for Info

Coe Kuehn, who is the daughter of Veo Cockerham '40, is trying to find out any information regarding her mother. She came from Winnfield, LA to attend Charity in 1937. Veo passed away on January 2, 1998. She is mainly hoping to make a connection with families of some of her fellow nursing students or graduates that she worked with at Charity Hospital. She can be reached by e-mail coe551@yahoo.com or her address is Coe Kuehn, 40 Prickly Pear Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013.

Remembering "Trish"

by: Alice Brady

Patricia "Trish" Davis Lemon, Class of September 11, 1964, passed away on December 1, 2009. Trish was a roommate of Rita Daniel LeRoy and Fay Chambers Brady.

After graduation Trish was employed at the "Big C" and later became a LPN instructor in Jefferson Parish.

Believing she was destined to be an "Old Maid," she met her beloved Kevin. They married and moved to MN. She continued to practice in a local hospital.

In 1994 Trish had a lobectomy for lung cancer. Trish was a fighter and once no longer able to practice nursing she became a volunteer "Pink Lady".

Trish's older sister Laurie Ann Davis McCraney is a graduate of CHSN class of 1957. Rita and I visited with Trish this past July while she was visiting with family in Florida. What a great time we had. Although Trish will not be at homecoming in October, she will be with us all in spirit. Trish was always proud to say "I am a Charity Graduate".

Scholarship Committee Report

by Joycelyn Jeansonne '78 and Ursula Allain '65

Joycelyn and I have been honored to represent the Alumni Association in interviewing scholarship applicants. It is quite a rewarding experience.

We have learned much from the students and realize many differences that have occurred over the years. We have met many impressive future nurses.

This past year the applicants included our first exposure to our foreign students from Germany, China, and Brazil. There are no scholarships, loans, or grants for which they can apply and are not allowed to work. We will be proud to have them carry on the tradition of the "Charity" nurse.

In August, we were able to award the Cooper, Jeansonne, and Whynot scholarships to three Level 4 students; and the Roach scholarship to one Level 3 student.

In January, we were able to award the Cooper, Jeansonne, Whynot and Wright scholarships to four Level 4 students; and the Roach scholarship to one Level 3 student.

With no additional applicants for the Level 4 scholarships, the Member Scholarship funds you have so graciously and generously donated will be used this semester and hope you will continue to think of these students who are more in need than we ever were.

Thank you for allowing us to continue to participate on this committee.

CSN Librarian Spearheads Art &Archival Preservation Project

by: Sharon A. Robinson,

I am delighted to have this opportunity to introduce myself to you, and to include you in some exciting plans for maintaining the history of the School of Nursing. I have been surveying many of the school's photographs and artifacts. As you know, the School of Nursing has a long tradition and one of the ways to preserve the school's history is through its physical memorabilia - such as artwork, photographs and historical documents. These artifacts promote an interest in continuing the school's history and I am always thrilled to see students looking at items in the display cases.

I have initiated a project to preserve these wonderful artifacts and to ensure that they remain available for future generations. And I want to ask for your help.

There are several aspects of preserving the School of Nursing collection. First, many of the original items need immediate restoration and preservation. Some items can only be stabilized while others can be restored. The goal is to protect the physical collection before any more damage is incurred. Lighting and environmental control will be additional factors to address.

Next, we need a plan for moving vulnerable artifacts to a more secure setting. This involves digitizing paper materials like photographs and diplomas and placing these items in archival boxes. Copies will be made and placed in frames instead of the original being on direct display.

A final step will be to develop a visual display for all to enjoy in a protective environment. An electronic/ digital library of the entire collection will be a part of this long-term plan.

This project will be expensive, and I am in the process of obtaining estimates on the professional work that will be required. I hope we can count on the alumni to help with donations, but also with your knowledge and memories. Many of the photographs are undated and individuals in the images are not identified. Members of the Alumni Association are our best hope to provide this lost information.

Of special note, the school has two Louisiana landscape paintings by Alexander Drysdale which are in need of restoration. I am trying to determine how the school acquired these pieces. If anyone can provide information about these paintings, please contact me. Another mystery is the statue of a young girl holding a book. Please send along any information about this as well.

The Homecoming in October will provide an opportunity for you to see some of the collection for identification. I will also have more details for our plans to implement this project and the costs to maintain the collection, stabilize damaged items and restore other pieces. The Alumni Association has agreed to administer a fund dedicated to preserving and restoring the school's collection and will be a valuable resource in acquiring funding for this project. Your donations are tax-deductible and you can give toward any preservation needs, or to restore a particular item.

I am looking forward to working with all of the Alumni and to meeting you at Homecoming.

Donations for the Art & Archival Preservation Project can be made to CHSN Alumni Association.

See the Membership Renewal Form in this issue.

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*The two Drysdales are shown below with Joycelyn.

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The Alumni Association wants you to know that we are always open to suggestions and ideas to assist with on going projects and/or new ones. Be involved, get your classmates involved, and get connected. You can do so by contacting the Alumni Office. Take care and keep in touch !!

ALUMNI NEWS

by Doris Burvant

Josephine Badeaux Dickson '37.

She wrote thanking us for sending her the White Cap and Alumni Newsletter. She also wrote saying that she is a '37 graduate and is 97 years old. "I appreciate my Charity Hospital nursing and anesthesia education. I use it everyday caring for my 65 year old Down Syndrome daughter. Keep up the good work and good luck and God's love to all."

Abby Zachary May '07.

She received the Nurse Excellence Award in November 2009 at the North Oaks Medical Center in Hammond, which is quite an honor for a nurse with just 2 years of experience The honoree is chosen by the hospital CEO.

Kathleen App '76.

She is offering group presentations on starting the dialogue of death and dying with family. She feels very strong that we need to start talking now about "what we want and putting it in writing". If you are interested in a group presentation you can contact her at 504-258-7357 or katapp09@gmail.com, htt:yourlastwishes.blogspot.com.

Sister Cecilia Gros '86.

She wrote the following letter letting us know how she is doing. "Thank you so much for sending the Alumni News. I always look forward to reading it each time. It is hard for me to believe that it has been 23 years since I graduated from Charity. I am still living and working in Ghana and continue to be challenged each day. Recently our clinic went through an accreditation process. I think we did very well especially our lab and maternity sections.

Hopefully in the New Year we will be ready to open our maternity ward. We have been working on building and furnishing it for the past three years. Presently many of the women deliver at home on dirt floors. Our goal is to prevent maternal and neonatal deaths by providing a clean environment with trained midwives.

Today, as I reflect on all the many things I am grateful for, my years at Charity stand out as a high point in my life. I will always be grateful for the women who taught me and influenced me during those years. May God continue to bless all of you and the good work you continue to do."

Patti Rouchon Burcham '70.

She has been a very busy lady these past 40 years receiving acknowledgments for outstanding services to nursing and the community. She was given the City Award of Excellence for outstanding service and for helping to raise $40 million to build a new hospital, Mercy Medical Center of the City of Rogers, Arkansas. She was also honored by the Mayor for giving of her time, talents and service to the betterment of the community. Other recognitions and awards received during these past years are: One of a hundred women in the country to attend the Business & Professional Women's Leadership Summit in Washington, National Association of Female Executives, Outstanding Young Women of America, Who's Who in American Nursing, Pride of the City of Rogers Award, Leadership Benton County Graduate, and Stylish People Award for Citiscapes in Northwest Arkansas. She has been a busy lady doing what she enjoys doing and that is giving back.

Janet Foret Lococo '56.

She reports that sales of her novel, *Lost Innocence*, are going well. There is an interesting and informative article about her and the novel in the April issue of *Greater Baton Rouge Area Town Favorites.*

To read the article, go to www.townfavorites.com. Then scroll down to Literary Louisiana, and click on the link.

"I am thoroughly enjoying retirement because of my writing. I had no clue that writing fiction could be such fun. It takes a lot of time and hard work, but the results are definitely worth the effort."

To the class of 9/10/65

How long ago September 1962; and what a difference 3 years can make! The things we learned and the friendships we made have stayed with us throughout these years. The lives we have touched; the jobs we have worked; the places we have traveled; the things we have done in the last 45 years are just phenomenal. Please try to join us this October 2010 at Homecoming. Ann Sneed Sorrels wrote awhile back, so we are planning a class get together on Friday night October 15 th. If you cannot be with us, please send a note to let us know what these 45 years have sent your way. Anxiously waiting to hear from you. Ursula Allain, 4309 Colorado Ave. Kenner, LA 70065 Email ursthenurse@cox.net; Phone 504-468-1446

From the Executive Director

Doris Burvant '60

I usually write to tell everyone what I am doing in the alumni office, or to give you a pep talk about letting me know when you move, marry, remarry, divorce or change your name for some other reason. Instead I am going to write about the fact that my class is going to celebrate their 50th year class reunion this fall at Homecoming. Where did the years go?!!

I have thought about my three years at Charity more this year than ever before. All the pranks we pulled on each other - greasing door knobs, stretching saran wrap under the toilet seat, greasing the toilet seat, stealing someone's clothes while they were in the shower, gently placing a bucket of water on top of the door jamb ready to fall on some poor victim entering the room, and on and on. Most of us were 18-year-olds and had moved to "the big city" from as far away as Florida, Michigan, South Carolina, Wyoming, California, Texas – as well as Houma, Thibodaux and Baton Rouge!

The wings on their heads flapped and the rosary beads clinked with each step...

Do you remember listening for the housemothers to finish their bed checks so you could get up and sit in the stairwell and study by the emergency lights? Those lights that were shined in your face each night at bed check - how did we sleep?

Remember when "Daddy Lionel" would knock on the car window telling us that we had better send our date home and come in because curfew was about to end? Lionel was our security guard on the night shift at the residence. The housemother or Lionel would turn the porch light off and on saying, "Get in the dormitory, it is time". How we would pray that we wouldn't get caught at Joe's Bar without an escort by Daddy Lionel!

I remember the day that Lil invited Sister Blanche up to our room in 1200 to see our Christmas decorations - and we had the wine iced in the bathtub! Where was your mind, Lil? I know each of you can match this story with one of your own.

We certainly had fun, but we also worked! In those days we worked the night shift, the evening shift, and the day shift - and had classes everyday. So you reported to work for 11pm to 7am, then attended classes before you could crawl into bed for a few hours to be ready to work the next night. We could count on working either Christmas Day or New Year's Day. If you were lucky you would have the day shift instead of the evening or night shift. We had one month of vacation each year.

I have heard from other graduates who have even better stories. I hope they will write them down and send them in to share with everyone. I wouldn't trade my days at Charity with anyone, and I wouldn't trade the kind of friendships that were made living in the residence 24/7, partying and working alongside my classmates.

The years were good and I am so grateful for my friends and my education. I hope all of my classmates will be here in October for our reunion. And I look forward to seeing graduates across the many years of Charity at Homecoming. Let's share more memories together.

Put Your Mark on Charity School of Nursing: Order Your Brick!

Charity Hospital School of Nursing provided strong support for our nursing careers in a building full of memories for generations of Charity nurses. When you purchase a brick, you'll become a part of this building that continues to serve as a keystone for so many.

Our bricks will be mounted on a wall in the outdoor courtyard off the nursing school lobby, which will be renovated to create an attractive area for students to relax between classes.

When you purchase a brick, you (or your gift recipient) will receive a commemorative certificate.
Order a brick for yourself, as a gift, in memory of a classmate or teacher, for your class or organization!

Brick Engraving: Use the grid below to write clearly and exactly how you wish your engraving to read. Maximum is three lines with 20 characters per line. **(If you want all caps, only 16 letters will fit per line.)** Please write one letter per block, and leave one block for a space between words. **Spaces and punctuation count as characters.** All lines will be centered on the bricks.

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Myra Bascle Porche '69
Cynthia Martinez Abadie '70
Francine Taaffe Dyer '70
Pamela Elias Welsh '70
Chris Hurley Carbon '71
Katherine Manuel Landreneau '71
Rosie Johnson Calvin '72
Mary C. Hains '72
Rita Steib Kennedy '72
Phyllis G. Landry Saucier '72
Susan Pye Stone '72
Janice Pantermuehl Ziegler '72
Cynthia Bourgeois Wagley '72
Louise Schwartzberg Harrell '73
LaVerne Birdsall McCormick '73
Sherry Smith Simmons '73
Patricia Alley Aucoin Shannon '75
Genie LeBlanc Woodring '75
Carolyn Crucia '76
Marion Sams Johnson '76
Brenda Joyner Pickens '77
Patricia Ciolino Scheffler '77
Kirk LeVasseur '79
Robert Joseph Martinez '79
Arlene Becker '80
Christine Nelson '80
Michelle Bily Cousans '81
Maria Gutierrez Lahey '81
George Gerard Martinez '81
Mary Beth Prejean Benoit '83
Khaleelah Hasan '84
Nancy Coleman Coffey '85
Patricia Dufrene '85
April Bourg Evans '90
Deena Rabalais '90
Patrick Gerard Oncale '93
Erin Souchon Blaum '96
Lauren Martello Terrio '96
Cynthia Cado Robinson '97
Brenda Juckel Ashley '99
Karen Cook '01
Samantha Santiago '04
Julia Gorney '08
Bessie Grady '08

SILVER STAR 2009
Sue Johnston Peterson '52
Louella Perry Gumpert '54
Joyce Allen Urode '60
Penny Kistler Tolchin '63
Joan Gary Stanton '64
Susan Thibodeaux Grace '65
Nina Wills Long '68
Marianne Porche McCrory '68
Mary Ann Scheuermann Lish '69
Maria Compagno Roth '71
Rosemary Lamia Hemelt '72
Katherine Lanphier Reaney '73
Cynthia Mary Cole Marsh '74
Rebecca Carter Fisher '76
Ann Christy Wallhaus Marino '78
Deborah Jane Sherwood Hextall '79
Melissa Manuel Deshotels '81
Jeanne Dumestre '82
Susan R. Chartier '95
Susan McWalters Rowell '98
Ecoee Rooney '99

SISTER STANISLAUS 2009
Martha Evelyn Milligan Larsen '42
Virginia Ourso Hines '49
Maxine Blackmon Jones '59
Anneta Stanton Kraus '60
Priscilla Bolles Arrol '63
Charlotte Voinch? Guinn '64
Ginny Graves Clark '69
Linda Sibley Ward '72
Julie Munster Joyce '75
Melissa Day Meyers '76
Patricia Taylor Lapeyre '86

CHARITY HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2010

Tuesday, 2/2	Board Meeting - 1pm
Tuesday, 2/23	Homecoming Planning - 10am
Thursday, 4/15	White Cap Deadline
Tuesday, 5/10	White Cap Mailing - 9am
	Board Meeting - 1pm
Tuesday, 9/7	Post Card Mailing - 9am
	Homecoming Board Meeting - 1pm

Sat/Sun 10/16-10/17	**Homecoming Events**
Tuesday, 10/26	Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday, 11/30	Newsletter Mailing - 9am
	Board Meeting - 1pm
Wednesday, 12/15	Christmas Lunch - 12 N
Friday, 12/31	Ballots due
Tuesday, 1/11/11	Ballot tally - 1pm
	Board Meeting

Once in a great while... there appears on the screen of life... an event so exceptional... so captivating... so exciting... that you can't possibly miss it...

CSN & CHSN ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2010

A weekend of friendship and celebration unfolds...

Saturday Morning, October 16

WHERE IT ALL BEGAN... SO LONG AGO...

Charity School of Nursing, 450 South Claiborne Avenue

Registration opens at 9:30am. Enjoy a continental breakfast as you register, greet old classmates, check the alumni bulletin boards for news of absent friends, peruse the scrapbooks and the art & archives display, enter raffles, and select from an exciting array of souvenirs!

At 10:30am, we will convene for a delightful program of welcomes and updates, familiar faces, and a few surprises - including a LIVE AUCTION! Noontime will bring a buffet lunch of delectable treats. After lunch, tour the school, stroll down memory lane, and see all the new changes!

Saturday Evening, October 16

THAT EVENING IT SEEMS THAT DREAMS REALLY DO COME TRUE...

Magic and moonlight high above the city, 7-10pm. Enjoy cocktails, music, food and friendship, plus a breathtaking open-air balcony overlooking the Mississippi River. Cash bar.

Westin New Orleans Canal Place Hotel, Canal Street at the River

Parking on-site in the Canal Place Parking Garage $5.

Sunday Morning, October 17

THE DAWNING OF A GLORIOUS NEW DAY...

Wake up to an eye-opening brunch and continue the fun with your friends and classmates. Cash Bar opens at 9am, Breakfast served at 10am.

The Alumni Association Breakfast Meeting will include the roll-call of classes, special souvenirs for the class with the most in attendance at Homecoming, and another LIVE AUCTION!

Westin New Orleans Canal Place Hotel

Canal Street at the River

Parking on-site in the Canal Place Parking Garage $5.

Fill out the form on page 11 today!
Deadline for reservations is October 6.

Rooms are available at the Westin Hotel at a discounted rate for Charity Alumni Association members. All-day parking is additional. Call the Westin at 1-888-627-8180.

Please fill out this form: PRINT CLEARLY!

Name _____ Class: _____
First name Middle/maiden or graduating name Last name

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Make your Homecoming Reservations today!

❒ I will be attending these Homecoming events: Deadline for reservations is October 6, 2010.

- ❒ Saturday Morning at the School ..... Number to attend ____ x $25 = _____
- ❒ Saturday Evening at the Westin ..... Number to attend ____ x $65 = _____
- ❒ Sunday Brunch at the Westin ..... Number to attend ____ x $40 = _____

❒ Three event discount package $125

❒ I will not be able to attend Homecoming, but I will send a letter to post on the alumni bulletin board to update my friends & classmates about me.

Membership Renewal:

I Want to Renew my Annual Membership Dues:

- ❒ $15 Regular Membership
- ❒ $25 Blue Ribbon Membership*
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Donations:

- ❒ Donation to the Scholarship Fund.....$_____
- ❒ Donation to the Art & Archives Preservation Project.....$_____
- ❒ Donation to the Center Plaque for the Brick Wall.....$_____

Purchase:

- ❒ Sister Stanislaus Memorial Print SIGNED $25
- ❒ Sister Stanislaus Memorial Print UNSIGNED $20
- ❒ CHSNAA Mailbox Bank $80

Artist Mary Etta Holiday has created a beautiful full color print of the Sister Stanislaus Memorial building (the old nursing school residence hall) watched over from on high by ethereal Daughters of Charity in their distinctive winged caps.

Prices at left include shipping. Size: 11" x 14"

These prints will also be available for purchase at Homecoming.

Make checks payable to: CHSN Alumni Association. Mail this form with your check to:

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Attention Class of 1958:

Some of your New Orleans classmates are proposing a mini-reunion for our class on the evening of Friday, October 15, 2010, just before the CHSNAA Homecoming scheduled for the 16th and 17th. If you have any interest in this event, please contact Cecile Ginger Andry at cecilegandry@yahoo.com or at 710 Carondelet St., New Orleans, LA 70130. Feel free to telephone at (504) 231-2239. We had a lovely time two years ago at our 50th reunion and hope we can all get together again, perhaps including those of you who couldn't attend that event.

Attention Class of 1967

Those nurses whose hair is gray or almost gray, you must have graduated from Charity in 1967. Come to the October 2010 Charity Homecoming for the best fellowship gathering of classmates to be had. The Cajun girls, the city dwellers, the Western girls, of course the Texas cowgirls, the wonderful party nurses, and the great friends who can also cook fabulous South Louisiana food; send a note by e-mail or regular mail so we can get the ball rolling. Beverly Poche Chapoton, 715 Carmenere Dr., Kenner, LA. 70065 or missbevno@aol.com

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Saving Big Charity

There are ongoing developments in the controversy over restoring Charity Hospital or abandoning it to construct a sprawling new LSU/VA complex in Mid-City.

In March, the National Trust for Historic Preservation filed a motion in federal court to stop further acquisition and demolition of homes and businesses within the footprints of the VA and LSU medical centers, before the court is able to rule on whether approval of the planning of those hospitals was in violation of federal law.

There are some wonderful articles that explain the many issues in this controversy at the websites below. They will also keep you up-to-date with all the new developments:
www.savecharityhospital.com and *www.fhl.org* *(Foundation of Historical Louisiana)*

Charity Hospital School of Nursing & Charity School of Nursing

Alumni News

Fall 2010

Charity School of Nursing, 450 South Claiborne Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112
Alumni Office 504-571-1395 csnalumni@dcc.edu www.dcc.edu CSN Fax 504-568-549

The Class of 1960 celebrated their 50th Reunion at the Homecoming Brunch this October at the Westin Hotel.

From the President

Hello, Alumni! I cannot believe how quickly the year of 2010 has flown by. The saying, "Don't blink," must really be true!!

Homecoming 2010

Wow, what an event we had for Homecoming! Faces from the past, old friends, instructors - it was a great trip down memory lane. On Saturday morning we all gathered at the School of Nursing for a nice breakfast and lunch. Along with visiting with our old friends, there was an informal program to let alumni know all about the happenings at the school. The highlight was taped interviews of Sr. Blanche and our newly retired Dean/Provost Pat Egers. Many thanks to Rick Crouse for a video that brought us many memories, laughs and even a few tears! He even made copies that were given free to those in attendance.

Auctions

Things got really exciting when auctioneer Karen Chabert '77 prompted spirited bidding for an antique CHSN cape, a gold CHSN pin, and an original painting by Mary Etta Holiday (featured on the Homecoming program). The Souvenir Market offered prints, stadium seats, mouse pads, afghans, paperweights, notepads and more. There were tours of the school library where alumni could be recorded recounting their Charity memories for an oral history of the school. We could also check out some neat items the school librarian has tapped for the Art & Archival Restoration Project – including some great old photos!

The tour even included the old dorm and what we were *told* was a new work-out area where the old pool had been. (Well, we pool users from back in the day knew something did not look right, and guess what we found - the pool! Still there, emptied and drained!)

Westin Events

Saturday evening we continued the festivities at the Westin Canal Place Hotel with an awesome reception. There was great food, great live music and a beautiful view from the large open-air patio overlooking the river (where, I heard, some alums were commiserating into the wee hours!)

The Sunday morning breakfast was also held at the elegant Westin. The roll call of classes is always exciting, and this year especially so for the Class of 1960. Those '60 gals were there in force for their fifty-year class reunion. It was no surprise they got the gift for the class with the most in attendance Homecoming weekend, and many of them also received their Fifty-Year Certificates as members of the Alumni Association. A Lifetime Certificate was also presented

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Alumni enjoy an evening of great food and drink and live music at the Westin Hotel as part of Homecoming 2010.

From the President

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to Lillian Samardzija of the Class of 1960.

A special treat was the door prizes contributed by Charlene White Persich '74. She found some beautiful prints of Big Charity in the middle of a fleur de lis and had to share them with us.

I want to thank all of the special people who devoted so much of their time and energy into making this such a successful event. And special thanks go to Dr. Kevin Jeansonne who was snapping away with his camera at all three events. We are looking into ways of making all these wonderful photos available to anyone who would like copies.

Bricks

If you attended Homecoming, I hope you got a chance to see the Alumni Association Commemorative Wall of Bricks. The wall and surrounding patio adjacent to the school lobby are a work in progress, but they already look terrific! The central plaque and the first one hundred bricks have been installed. The Student Government donated some mulch to dress up the planting areas and a picnic table has been added.

We hope to have another hundred bricks installed in the next few months and we are making plans to further refurbish and landscape the patio in order to create a nice retreat for current students. We look forward to showing it off at the next Homecoming Celebration. If you haven't ordered a brick, the order form is in this issue. It makes a great gift for a friend or relative or yourself!

Elections

It's election time again! (I know you're sick of elections – but this is a good one!) You will be selecting a President-Elect (who will assume the presidency in one year), a Treasurer, a Nominating Committee Chair and two Board Members – all important positions. We have a lot of great folks who want to serve you as your officers and board members. Please take a little time to read the candidate bios and please, please, please, send in your ballot! The deadline is January 14, so don't delay.

Alumni Luncheon

Coming up before you know it will be the Alumni Luncheon in February 2011. It may not be an extravaganza like Homecoming, but it is still a whole lot of fun and I hope you'll attend. We will inaugurate our new officers and Board Members and bring you up to date on Alumni Association activities. And of course the most important part – get together with your friends and classmates. The Reservation Form is in this issue. You know you'll enjoy it, so reserve your seat now.

Membership

While you're mailing things in, why not renew your membership? We depend upon membership dues to pay for printing and mailing this newsletter and *The White Cap*, to keep the office running, and to support our many other activities like Senior Lunches and scholarships.

White Cap 2011

Spring brings *The White Cap* so if you want to contribute an article, photos, or let everyone know what you're up to, send it all to the Alumni Office by mail or email. The best articles come from our members, whether about school memories or current news of interest to the alumni. We love to print your stuff, so please contribute.

Volunteers

We need alumni volunteers to help serve at Senior Luncheons, set up for alumni activities, and for other tasks. If you are interested in being contacted when we need volunteers, please contact the Alumni Office by mail or email.

Happy Holidays

Finally, I wish for each and every one of you a happy and healthy holiday season. Until the 2011 *White Cap*…

Take care,

Lisa Stokes-Hasten

President

Greetings from the Executive Director

I hope everyone who attended Homecoming 2010 enjoyed it as much as I did. One of my greatest joys is seeing graduates and reminiscing about old times. I have such good memories. When I am in my rocking chair in the assisted living facility, I will be able to smile about those days.

Homecoming is not planned and put together by just one or two people - it takes a "whole village." To the College Administration, faculty and students who worked and gave up their Saturday to make this day successful, I thank you. The students did a great job giving tours, greeting alumni, directing traffic, and recording your oral histories. The students made my job easier.

Saturday night was great just for being together and overlooking our wonderful French Quarter. This holds some memories for some of us. Those who attended Sunday were treated to a wonderful brunch along with greeting "old friends." What more can you ask for?

Now, I have asked the Alumni Board to find a replacement for me. I have worked as Executive Director for the Alumni Association for nine years. It is time for someone else to take the work of the office into the next century. (And I am ready to play seven days a week instead of five!)

I can honestly say that serving as your Executive Director has been my pleasure. It is a job that has allowed me to stay in touch with all of you who call or write to the office. It is a job that made me get out of bed after my son and husband died, and helped me to stay sane.

I have worked for and with some great people. Joycelyn Jeansonne, Suzy Andry, and Lisa Stokes-Hasten have been great presidents. It was through Suzy's leadership and the work of a dedicated board after Katrina that we were able to get back on track so quickly. The Alumni Association has been very lucky all these years that there are members who care deeply about the Association and have been willing to run for office and serve the Association and do all the work that keeps us together and in touch year after year.

So, with that said...

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!

Doris Burvant

Penny Stoer '44 in May 2010

Alumni Notes

Jessie H. "Penny" Stoer '44 wrote to say that her food and flower and visitation ministries keep her active, "practicing the concepts of our Alma Mater" even though she is no longer in the medical setting. "I was a stay at home mother for over 20 years, then returned to nursing practice and worked as a nursing supervisor for 20 years. I had the opportunity to do a lot of teaching that has enriched the lives of many who still work in our profession. I can remember every detail of those who taught me at CHSN. The concepts they taught me have remained with me through the years."

Sister Blanche

Many alumni have requested contact information for Sister Blanche, the original Dean of Charity Hospital School of Nursing. You can write to her at:

Sister Blanche McDonnell
9200 New Harmon Road
Evansville, IN 47720

Sister Blanche would love to hear from everyone. Wouldn't it be great if she got hundreds of holiday cards from Charity alumni this year?

Put Your Mark on Charity School of Nursing: Order a Brick!

When you purchase a brick for the Alumni Association Commemorative Wall, you'll become a part of the building that continues to serve as a keystone for generations of Charity nurses.

The central plaque and the first 100 bricks have already been mounted on the wall in the outdoor courtyard off the nursing school lobby. This patio will be renovated to create an attractive area for students and alumni to enjoy for many years to come.

When you purchase a brick, you (or your gift recipient) will receive a commemorative certificate suitable for framing.

Order a brick for yourself, in memory of a classmate, or for your class. Makes a great gift!

Brick Engraving: Use the grid below to write clearly and exactly how you wish your engraving to read. Maximum is three lines with 20 characters per line. **(If you want all caps, only 16 letters will fit per line.)** Please write one letter per block, and leave one block for a space between words. **Spaces and punctuation count as characters.** All lines will be centered on the bricks.

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Purchaser's Name _____

Purchaser's Mailing Address _____

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Mail this form with your check for

$100.00

for each brick

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CHSN Alumni Association
450 South Claiborne Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70112

Candidates Biographical Data

PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE

MARILYN NOLA HAMMETT '78
Marilyn is Coordinator of Health Services for the Recovery School District in New Orleans, supervising 18 school nurses. She is adjunct faculty in the Loyola University online program, and is a CPR instructor. She is a member of NODNA, LSNA, NASN and LSNO. Marilyn transferred from a BSN program to attend CHSN and worked in the registration office during her two years at school. She was recipient of the Honor Pin and two other awards at graduation. Marilyn lives in Metairie, LA.

TREASURER CANDIDATE

URSULA ALLAIN '65
Ursula worked full-time for 30 years at Charity Hospital, twenty-seven and a half of those in the OR. She went on to work part-time for another 10 years as a Patient Liaison in the Emergency Room at CHNO. She is now fully retired and enjoys being nanny and chauffer for her 7-year-old grand niece. Ursula is an active member in the New Orleans Chapter of AORN as well as in the AORN State Council. Ursula has served CHSNAA as President, Board Member, on the Nominating Committee, and most recently as Treasurer for several years. As Treasurer she has weathered many storms including Katrina, legislative audits, and the conversion of the Alumni Association's financial record keeping to QuickBooks. Ursula lives in Kenner, LA.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR CANDIDATE

ALICE FAY CHAMBERS BRADY '64
Alice is a peri-operative nurse at St. Tammany Parish Hospital. She is an active member of AORN and has held numerous offices in the local chapter. She has spoken on the local, regional, and national level regarding Peri-Operative Nursing. Alice is very active in the Alumni Association, assists with the Senior Luncheon, and served as chairman of the Nominating Committee from 2008 to 2010. She is a resident of Slidell, LA.

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Harriet Curole's cape and photo on display at the National World War II Museum in New Orleans.

FAREWELLS

Harriet Anne Price Curole '46 was born in Dallas, Texas, moved with her family to New Orleans in 1939, and attended McMain High School. She graduated from CHSN in 1946, and worked in the nursing field until her retirement in 1986 from Tulane University Hospital. Harriet and her husband Jesse Curole were happily married for 61 years, and had two sons and four grandchildren. They lived in New Orleans for 40 years, then in Slidell for the last 13 years. Harriet was a talented artist, played piano and sang, collected art and cookbooks and was a wonderful cook. She also loved to swim and fish, and was a wonderful storyteller.

IN MEMORIUM

Edna Forrest Cann '52 (6/17/10)
Socorra Pitell Conley '51 (6/10/10)
Harriet Anne Price Curole '46 (8/25/08)
Joann Cope Cornell '60 (7/26/10)
Freda Ferdinand '73 (6/1/09)
Irene Savoie Frcdrick '40 (9/10)
Norma Kinler Growl '47 (4/27/10)
Vianne Ruffino Jones '60 (8/17/60)
Patricia Roddy Melnick '58 (8/31/10)
Martha Forsmark Miller '48 (9/9/09)
Betty Morgan '47 (7/3/10)
Janet Tobin Rueff '57 (5/4/10)
Patsy Sanchez Schmitt '52 (4/18/10)
Josephine Smith Armstrong '49 (9/19/10)
Rosa Macis Van Sweringen '38 (4/30/09)
Peggy Thomas Walcher '57 (5/08)

Candidates Biographical Data

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BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES

(in reverse alphabetical order)

ROSE-MARY ALEXANDER WHITE '72
Rose-Mary is a member of Lambda Pi Alpha Sorority, Sigma Theta Tau, and the National Council of Negro Women. She is currently employed by the State of Louisiana DHHHSS as a State Surveyor (survey of regulatory compliance). Rose-Mary has been treasurer of CHSNAA in the past. She lives in New Orleans.

MYRA POCHE '69
Myra has worked in hospitals in Louisiana and Texas in a wide variety of fields, including med-surg, ortho, cardiology and GI. She also worked in Home Health for the last seven years. Myra lives in Bourg, LA.

MARGARET OALMANN PALMISANO '49
Margaret has worked in a wide range of areas from Communicable Diseases to Sarcoidosis Research to Preventive Medicine, at Charity Hospital, Tulane and LSUMC. She was a professor at LSUMC from 1962 to 1998. Margaret has authored numerous publications (articles, chapters and editorials), was a founding member of the Southern Pediatric Research Council, and is a member of numerous health care organizations. She has been an active member of CHSN Alumni Association, serving as president and Board Member. Margaret is a resident of Folsum, LA.

BARBARA McCLEES '75
Barbara is Nursing Staff Development Specialist at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center in Lafayette, LA. She has served on many boards and committees, and has organized health fairs, educational seminars, fundraisers and social events. This year she is on the board of a female Mardi Gras Krewe and is responsible for arranging all the Mardi Gras Ball parties. She has served on the Hospital Activities Committee for many years and has planned and organized socials and parties for 1300 employees (including a and Second line for The Super Bowl). Barbara lives in Lafayette, LA.

VIVIAN LARKIN MANES '70
Vivian is a certified case manager for a private rehab company working with injured workers. She has served on the Nominating Committee for the CHSN Alumni Association for several years and has been an active participant in Alumni Association activities including preparing mailings and assisting with alumni events such as the Senior Luncheon. Vivian is a resident of Metairie, LA.

ANNETA KRAUS '60
Anneta founded Geriatric Planning Services, a private geriatric care management company that she operated for 21 years. She has served terms as a board member at two churches and PTA as well as serving terms as chairperson of her county, regional, and state Area Agencies on Aging. She has served as Public Policy Chairperson for the Pennsylvania Council on Aging, was a member of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Assistance Professional Committee, and is a founding member of the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers. Anneta lives in Florida.

JOYCELYN GONDOLFO JEANSONNE '78
Joycelyn is a member of AACN, NANN, and Sigma Theta Tau. She has been a guest lecturer at LSU-A and Louisiana College. Joycelyn has been outstandingly active in CHSNAA for many years, serving as a Board Member, Secretary and President multiple times. She conceived and has been the driving force behind some of the Association's most popular projects such as the CHSN Afghan, the Commemorative Bricks, and the Mailbox Banks. Joycelyn lives in Alexandria, LA.

PATRICIA DUFRENE '85
Patty is the Director of Education/Licensure for the LSBN. Prior to that, she lived in Little Rock, Arkansas, where she worked in academia as faculty and Simulation Lab Director. Her clinical Experience is in Pediatric-Cardiology and CV surgery. Patty has served on regional, local, state, national and international professional organization committees and boards. She lives in Metairie, LA.

KAREN CHABERT '77
Karen is president and founder of a legal nurse and forensic consulting company. She has served on the Board in the past, has planned numerous professional events on limited budgets, and is a leader in forensics in the nursing community. Karen speaks locally, nationally and internationally on topics of interest in nursing, charming all with her Cajun accent. She is also a licensed Private Investigator, and does standup comedy. Karen's goals if elected are to increase membership, seek out new funding sources, and connect alumni using social media. Karen lives in New Orleans.

Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association

Alumni Luncheon

Saturday,
February 5, 2011
Sheraton Metairie-New Orleans Hotel
4 Galleria Blvd in Metairie
(next to the Galleria at
S. Causeway and I-10)
504-837-6707

Registration/Cash Bar opens at 10:30am,
Luncheon served at 11:30am

A delightful plated lunch of succulent Chicken Marsala, crisp green salad, two savory sides du jour, rolls & butter, the Chef's special dessert, iced tea, coffee

Cost: $32 per person

Free parking!!

CHSNAA Alumni Luncheon Reservation Form

We must receive your reservation by January 28, 2011, to guarantee your seating.

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY!

Name _____
First name Maiden/graduating name Last name

Class of: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

❒ I'll See You at the Luncheon:
Total number of people _____ @ $32 each.....$_____

Bringing a Guest? Please give us the name for their Name Tag

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❒ $15 Regular Membership
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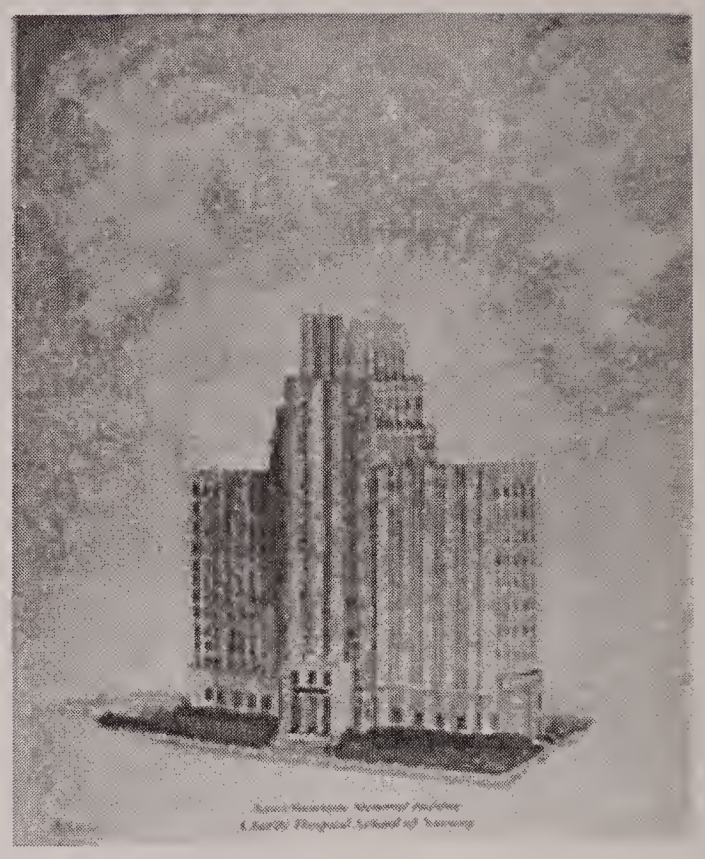

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Artist Mary Etta Holiday has created a captivating original print featuring an image of the Sister Stanislaus Memorial building (the old nursing school dorm) watched over from on high by ethereal Daughters of Charity in their distinctive winged caps. At a standard 11 by 14 inches, this beautiful, high-quality, full-color print is easy to frame and is printed on medium-weight glossy stock. A limited number of prints signed and numbered by the artist are also available.

Please send me: (How many?)
_____ Regular prints @ $20.00 each
_____ Signed/numbered prints @ $25.00 each

CHSNAA Event Cushion/Blanket

It looks like a tote and with two generous pockets it works like one, too, but it is so much more! It is a slender, yet surprisingly comfortable seat cushion whose quiet elegance makes it perfect to slip beneath your tush on that hard wooden church pew or on those folding chairs at the museum lecture. And since it looks like a tote, it doesn't scream "seat cushion" as you carry it around. But wait! It quickly unzips into a generously sized blanket, water-resistant on one side and cozy blue fleece on the other. Just the thing for spreading out at the Endymion parade, for wrapping up on a chilly evening, or for protecting you from an unexpected drizzle at the concert in the park. Keep one in your car and you will always be prepared!

Please send me: (How many?) _____ Event Cushion/Blanket @ $30.00 each.

And we still have the always popular:
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_____ **CHSNAA Afghan** @ $60.00 each.
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TOTAL ENCLOSED = $_____
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City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

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450 South Claiborne Ave., New Orleans, LA 70112

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2011 ELECTION BALLOT

DIRECTIONS: Circle the names of the candidates of your choice.
Candidates' biographical information can be found on pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter.

Please note: You may vote for up to two candidates in the Board Members category.
If you vote for more than two, your ballot will be disqualified.

DEADLINE FOR VOTING:
Ballots must be received in the Alumni Office
no later than January 14, 2011, to be counted.

PRESIDENT-ELECT **MARILYN NOLA HAMMETT '78**	BOARD MEMBERS (Vote for Two) **KAREN CHABERT '77** **PATRICIA DUFRENE '85** **JOYCELYN GONDOLFO JEANSONNE '78** **ANNETA KRAUS '60** **VIVIAN LARKIN MANES '70** **BARBARA McCLEES '75** **MARGARET OALMANN PALMISANO '49** **MYRA POCHE '69** **ROSE-MARY ALEXANDER WHITE '72**
TREASURER **URSULA ALLAIN '65**	
NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR **ALICE FAY CHAMBERS BRADY '64**	

After making your selection, please place this ballot in the enclosed "BALLOT" envelope to protect the privacy of your vote. Seal the envelope and insert it in a larger mailing envelope addressed to the CHSN Alumni Association. You may send your luncheon reservation and other materials in the same mailing envelope, but please enclose only this ballot inside the "Ballot" envelope.

Mail your ballot to:
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Volume 43 Spring 2011

From the President

BY LISA STOKES-HASTEN '78

Greetings, Alumni! Spring is in the air and I hope each of you will be able to enjoy bits and pieces of it while it lasts! 2011 has already been a busy year, and there's a lot of exciting times yet to come!

New Faces

The February 5th Alumni Luncheon saw the induction of our new President-Elect **Marilyn Hammett '78**, Treasurer **Ursula Allain '65**, Nominating Committee Chair **Alice Brady '64**, and two new Board members: **Joycelyn Jeansonne '78** and **Karen Chabert '77**.

The complete list of the Board and Officers and their contact information can be found on page 16. You can get in touch with us individually, or through the Alumni Office. We love hearing from you!

The Luncheon also marked the end of an era as **Doris Burvant '60** retired from her position as Executive Director of the Alumni Association. We all wish her well, but we will certainly miss her reliable presence in the office. We are so thankful for the years of intrepid service she has given us!

We are very fortunate to have **Lista Hank '97** as our new Executive Director. Lista has been a very active member and has served as Publications Manager for several years.

September 2011 Brunch

The 2011 Alumni Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, September 24. You won't want to miss this one! If you were at the February luncheon you got a sneak preview of the **alumni interviews** that were videotaped at Homecoming. What great memories of the hospital, the dorm, and those wild days as student nurses! CSN students **Nic Whitacre** (12/11) and **Josh Ivy** (12/12) are going to be back with us at the Alumni Brunch to videotape more interviews. Think about your "best" memory as a student and join us in documenting the unique experience that is Charity School of Nursing.

The auctions at Homecoming were such a hit that we are going for it again! We will auction off another

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"My friends and I attended the Homecoming Brunch in October and had a wonderful time. For some of us, it was the first time we had seen each other in thirty years. One of our happiest moments was when we saw Mrs. Spratt! She taught all of us Introduction to Nursing, so she was our first step on the way to becoming the professionals we are today. Thanks for the wonderful memories."

- Sharon Burel-Hawthorne '80

Photo: Left to right: Jovita Lee Chapital '70 (RN, BSN, MSN); Carol Way Gonzales '80 (RN, MSN, CRNI); Beverly Hardy-Decuir '81 (RN, MSN, CPHQ, FACHE); Francine Simms Thomas '80 (PhD, RN); Sharon Burel-Hawthorne '80 (RN, BSN, MBA/HCM); Monique Sorapuru Cook '80 (RN, MSN), and Mrs. Spratt.

From the President

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beautiful navy blue antique **CHSN cape** at the Alumni Brunch in September. Bring your checkbook because the bidding gets fierce for these capes!

The Reservation Form for the Brunch is on page 19. Clip it out NOW and send it in today. We want to see you there!

Advisory Committee

The Board is trying a new experiment. We have created an Advisory Committee as a pilot project to provide us with additional input, to actively involve a larger group of alumni, and to create a stronger relationship between our organization and the current students and faculty.

Advisory Committee members will give advice, and provide their particular expertise as needed. The length of the appointment is one year, but committee members may be re-appointed by the Board for additional terms.

The following have accepted appointment to the 2011 Advisory Committee:

Suzy Andry '59
Charlene Berger '79
Dr. Patrick Brady '83
Doris Burvant '60
Beverly Chapoton '67
Ross Cunningham '84
Patricia A. Dufrene '85
Jennifer Garnand (5/2011)
Betty Falgout Hebert '68
Vivian Larkin Manes '70
Margaret O. Palmisano '49
Paige Sensenbrenner '78
Mary Iannazzo Trosclair '73
Nic Whitacre (12/2011)
Mrs. Rose-Mary Alexander White '72

We wish to thank them for participating, and we are already enjoying the benefits of their advice.

Honoring a Friend

Josephine Gondolfo was posthumously named as an Honorary Member of the Alumni Association at a meeting of the Board of Directors in February. Miss Josie was a dedicated volunteer worker for many years, always there with us stamping and labeling newsletters when we did our mailings. She was the mother of **Joycelyn Jeansonne '78** and had a disposition as sweet as the 'sweet tea' she favored. "Mother always said how much she loved her 'Charity ladies'," says Joycelyn. We loved her too.

Student Assistance

In March, the Board voted to purchase a table at the New Orleans District Nurses Association (**NODNA**) **Student Night** dinner so eight students could attend. We think these kinds of opportunities for students to network with professionals are so important, and we are happy to support NODNA's outreach to future nurses.

We also provided funding so that the Charity Association of Student Nurses (**CASN**) delegates could attend the National Association of Student Nurses Convention in April. The Charity students represented us well at the conference and had great experience. We are so proud of the CASN students for their enthusiasm and hard work!

Scholarships

In January, the Alumni Association Scholarship Committee awarded five scholarships to CSN students. **Julie Bernard** was awarded the **Marcelle Wright Scholarship**; **Jennifer Garnand** was awarded the **Sally Cooper Scholarship**; **Kelli Thibodeaux** was awarded the **Mary Ann Signorelli Wright Scholarship**; and **Vandelle Felder** was awarded the **Jeansonne Scholarship**. They will all graduate this May.

Candace Delmore-Hammond was awarded the **Hugh and Maria Garcia Roach Scholarship**. She will graduate in December.

There are many deserving students at Charity and the Scholarship Committee always finds selecting from the applicants a difficult task.

We thank all of you alumni who make contributions to the Scholarship Fund. It is your donations that make this kind of financial assistance to students possible.

Nominations

It's not too soon to be thinking about the Fall Elections. Secretary and two board positions will be on the ballot in November. If you think you might be interested in running, contact the Alumni Office and we can send you information about the duties and responsibilities, and a nomination form to fill out.

Nominating Chair **Alice Brady '64** can also be contacted if you would like more information. **Ross Cunningham '84**, **Vivian Manes '70** and **Margaret Palmisano '49**, are also members of the Nominating Committee. See page 16 for their contact information.

Enjoy Your Summer

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful summer, safe traveling, time with family and friends, and hopefully catching a cool breeze every now and then. And we'll see you in September! △

Homecoming 2010

Homecoming was joyously celebrated the weekend of October 14-15, 2010. On Saturday morning, over two-hundred alumni gathered at the School of Nursing for breakfast, lunch, and an informal program highlighted by video interviews with Sister Blanche and retired Dean/Provost Pat Egers.

Spirited bidding ensued when auctions opened for an antique CHSN cape and gold CHSN pin, and an original painting by Mary Etta Holiday (which was featured on the Homecoming program).

There were tours of the school, and alumni were videotaped relating their best student nurse memories. Photos and other items slated for the Art & Archival Restoration Project were on display, and alumni were able to provide some history behind the mystery items.

Saturday evening featured a cocktail party at the Westin Canal Place Hotel with live music, great food, and a sparkling view of the Mississippi River from the large open-air balcony.

Sunday Brunch was also held at the Westin. The Class of 1960 marked their fiftieth class reunion that morning, and received their Fifty-Year Certificates. A Lifetime Membership was awarded to Lillian Samardzija '60.

We all had a great time at Homecoming and we have a lot more photos to share, taken by Dr. Kevin Jeansonne. You can see them online at:

charityalumni.shutterfly.com

Order a Brick by Sept. 24 and It Will Be Installed by Jan. 2012

The central plaque and over 100 bricks have already been installed on the wall in the courtyard beside the nursing school lobby. We plan to place another order with our supplier right after the September 24 Alumni Breakfast.

Don't miss out on the next installation!

Get your order in by September 24!

When you purchase a brick, you (or your gift recipient) will receive a commemorative certificate suitable for framing.

Brick Engraving: Use the grid below to write clearly and exactly how you wish your engraving to read. Maximum is three lines with 20 characters per line. **(If you want all caps, only 16 letters will fit per line.)** Please write one letter per block, and leave one block for a space between words. **Spaces and punctuation count as characters.** All lines will be centered on each brick.

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Purchaser's Name _____

Purchaser's Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Please send the certificate to (circle one): PURCHASER GIFT RECIPIENT

If sent to gift recipient, name of recipient _____

Gift recipient's mailing address _____

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Mail this form with your check for

$100.00

for each brick to:

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New Orleans, LA 70112

Don't miss out on the next brick installation!

From the Executive Director

BY LISTA HANK '97

Doris Burvant '60 has retired as Executive Director of the Alumni Association after ten years in that role and a presence at Charity since 1957. There can be no substitute for that continuity and institutional memory, nor for the relationships that Doris has developed with so many students, faculty and staff over the years. No one will miss her here in the office more than me, and I certainly can't fill her shoes, but I'll try to keep the Alumni Office rolling along!

As an Associate Degree graduate myself, I hope I will be seeing more involvement in the Association by ADNs. It has certainly been a rich and rewarding experience for me to be actively involved, and to get to know the gracious and always interesting graduates of Charity from so many generations. It is an honor for me to help keep the connections within the Charity community strong, and to work with such a dedicated Board of Directors.

I am still working as a nurse, so I am only in the Alumni Office one or two days a week. Please be patient if your phone call or email isn't answered right away. You will definitely hear from me the next time I'm in the office.

I've established an additional email address for the Alumni Office: **chsnaaoffice@gmail.com** - just for alumni to use, that I'll check regularly when I'm not in the office. I hope to be hearing from more of you soon, and I know I will be learning a lot from all of you!

Mailbox Banks

The CHSN Mailbox Banks, made from the mailbox doors from the old dorm, have been very popular but the supply is dwindling. We have a very limited number of doors (less than a dozen) with functioning combination locks. Once these have been used, the remaining banks will only have doors that latch, not lock. Still great as keepsakes! However the supply of both doors is extremely limited. If you have been thinking of purchasing one of the beautiful and unique banks, don't hesitate any longer, because when they're gone, they're really gone!

Commemorative Bricks

The Commemorative Wall of Bricks in the School of Nursing patio is shaping up beautifully. The first installation of the bricks and the central granite plaque were done in early 2010 and were seen by many alumni at Homecoming. They look really terrific!

Some alumni have inquired about when the next batch of bricks will be installed on the wall. Our brick fabricator works in minimum orders of 100 bricks. Since April 2010, we have sold approximately 85 bricks. Once we reach 100, we can place the order.

The Board has set a deadline of **Sept. 24,** the date of the Alumni Brunch, for the next order. So you have until **September 24, 2011,** to order and be assured that your brick will be in the installation this fall. If you order later, it may be another year or more before your brick will be installed. So, if you are considering purchasing a brick, now is the time. Don't delay! Order yours today. A brick is a great way to memorialize a friend, honor your class, or just put your mark on Charity.

On Line

We are trying to embrace new technology, and one suggestion we often get from members is to start distributing alumni publications online. We know many of you still prefer receiving our publications by mail (we aren't all computer people!), and we would not consider giving up the paper version of *The White Cap*. But we would like to see how much interest there is in offering *The White Cap* online as an option. Please let us know how you feel by checking the opinion box on the Reservation Form on page 19.

We have posted a whole bunch of photos from Homecoming on the photo website *Shutterfly*. Go to **charityalumni.shutterfly.com** and you can see the photos for free and without registering on the site. If you want to order prints or any of the other products they offer, you can easily order from the website. (There is no benefit to the Alumni Association for ordering anything.) We decided to experiment with this site as a way to make these photos available to our members. Let us know what you think!

Of course, we also have our Charity Alumni webpage at **www.dcc.edu**. This is Delgado's website, so click on the "Charity School of Nursing" campus, then "Alumni Association." There's information on the Alumni Association, plus you can print out order forms for souvenirs.

Reunions

This will be the 50th anniversary year for the Class of 1961, but so far we haven't heard that anyone is

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From the Executive Director

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organizing a reunion. If you want to put together a reunion for your class, the Alumni office will be happy to provide you with contact information we have for all your classmates. It's very convenient to hold class reunions at the Alumni Breakfast, because all you have to do is get in touch with your classmates and encourage them to come. Contact the Alumni Office to get your class list.

Volunteers

We can always use volunteers to help with Senior Luncheon, the One Stop Shop and other school events. If you are a typist, we need to enter the new graduates names and addresses into our database each semester, as well as any alumni address changes. If you are a creative type, you could work on our scrapbooks, make centerpieces for alumni events, or help come up with new souvenir ideas and designs.

We could really use a Scrapbooks Committee Chair to get us organized with our scrapbooks. We focus more on history than on fancy gee-gaws, but we do want our books to look good. You could be the person to get us back on track! If you are interested in volunteering, contact the Alumni Office.

Keep in Touch

Send us your news – awards and honors or just what you are up to these days. Write an article about a special school memory, or any subject you think would be of interest to the alumni.

If your name, address, or other contact information changes, please let us know! The Post Office doesn't forward mail too long, so don't assume our mailings will find you if you move. We want to keep in touch with you, so please keep in touch with us!

Time to Renew

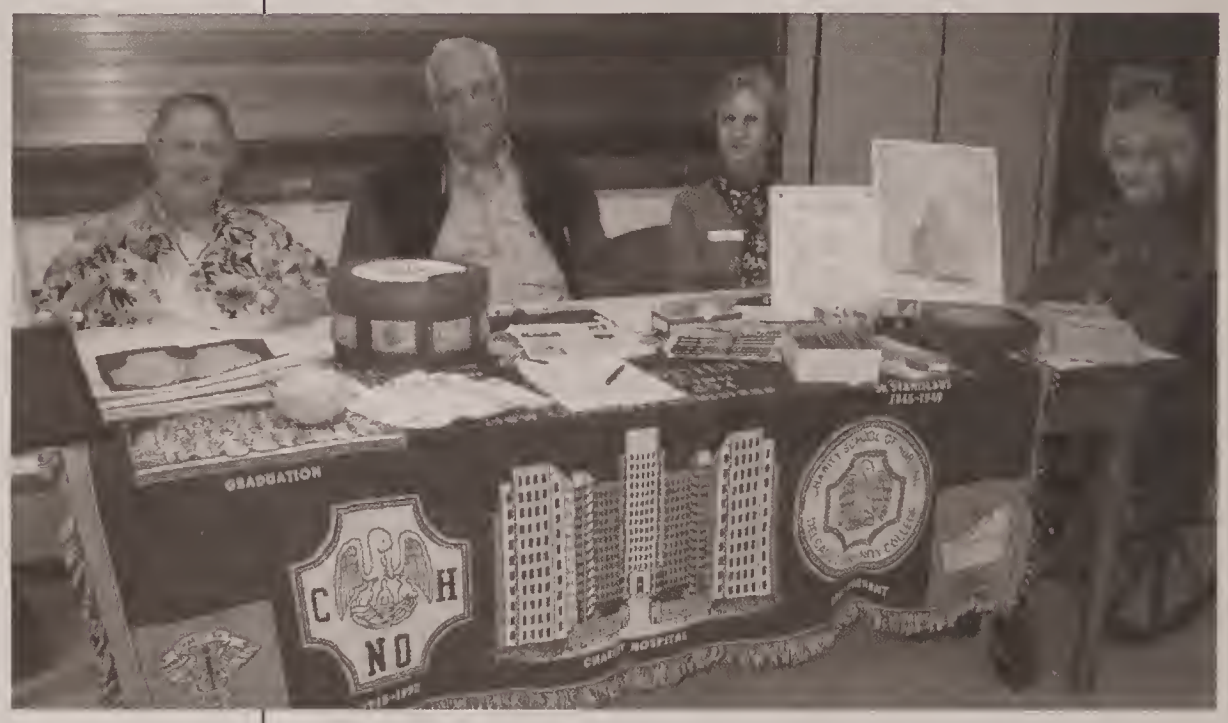
Now is the time to renew your membership! It's only $15 a year, and you will receive the *Alumni News* in the fall, plus you get to vote in the election for new Board Members. Alumni who join at the $25 level or above get a cool personalized CHSNAA 2-year pocket calendar (very handy). A membership with a personalized calendar also makes a great gift!

And don't forget to mail in your Alumni Breakfast Reservation, because we'll be looking for you in September!

One Stop Shop for Seniors at School of Nursing

There are so many details that have to be taken care of in the last semester of nursing school. In an effort to simplify the process, the School of Nursing held "One Stop Shop" days for Seniors in February. For two days, stations were set up in the 7th floor lounge area, and graduating seniors could visit each station to get fingerprinted, pay their Board of Nursing fees, get their senior photos taken, and order their school pins.

After writing checks amounting to several hundred dollars, the students were grateful to be greeted at the end of their marathon by Alumni volunteers offering free pencils and CHSNAA bookmarks. They were also given free chances for door prize drawings of a CHSNAA tote bag or mouse pad. And, best of all, they will get a free one-year membership in the Alumni Association.



Ursula Allain '65, Ross Cunningham '84, Vivian Manes '70 and Margaret Palmisano '49 greet seniors at the One Stop Shop in February.

Souvenirs were available for sale as well and a few students purchased afghans, while many others took home order forms for alumni souvenirs to give their families (great graduation gift ideas). Thanks to **Margaret Palmisano '49**, **Ursula Allain '65**, **Vivian Manes '70**, **Lisa Stokes-Hasten '78**, **Charlene Berger '79**, **Patrick Brady '83**, and **Ross Cunningham '84.** What an extraordinary range of graduation years! They all did a great job of welcoming seniors, and telling them about the Alumni Association.

Sister Blanche

Many alumni have requested contact information for Sister Blanche, the original Dean of Charity Hospital School of Nursing. You can write to her at:

Sister Blanche McDonnell
9200 New Harmony Road
Evansville, IN 47720

Alumni News

Margaret Nell Conway King '49 wrote to say hi to the alumni and her classmates. She and her husband are well. "George has picked some mustard greens, which he also washes, chops and cooks!" They have three grown daughters, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. "Sixty-one years of married happiness and many memories, starting in New Orleans."

Joanne Philbrook Newton '56 wrote to say how much she looks forward to getting the alumni newsletters. "My three years at Charity was a great time and I continue to think of my classmates as family. My diploma gave me many years of pleasure as well as a wonderful career. I retired 5 years ago and now enjoy time with my family and friends."

The **Class of 1957** were the winners of the February 5th Alumni Luncheon Roll Call of Classes with attendance by five class members: **Rosalind Goodbread Baldwin**, **Marilyn Dunlap Baquet**, **Lucille Capo Castine**, **Joan McPherson Guccione** and **Sydney Wood Womack**.

Polly Wyrosdick McCall '61 retired from nursing in 2004. She had worked mostly at the Walton County Health Department. Polly lost her husband of 43 years to cancer in February 2005. She has three adult children and visits her daughter in Virginia several months each year. Polly is living in Freeport, Florida.

Betty Falgout Hebert '68 wrote to share tragic news about her classmate **Mandy Babin '68** who lost her granddaughter in a terrible traffic accident this past fall. The 17-year-old was one of four high school classmates killed while driving home from an LSU game.

Meralee Clement '62 wrote in November to say how disappointed she was to have to miss the October Alumni Breakfast. She has suffered a painful fracture and is having a difficult recovery.

Classmates from 1950 get together each year. Seated: Ramona Moorfield Upergraff; back row, left to right: Johanna O'Brien Parker, Denise Bagin Gaddy and Janet Talbot Green.

Janet Talbot Green '50 sent a photo of friends and classmates from the Class of 1950. "We try to get together every year at different places and have met in New Orleans, Jackson, Washington, Virginia, Florida and North Carolina. We have been meeting for the last ten years. Most of our time together we reminisce about our student days at Charity Hospital. What great days they were!"

Doris Jo Bullock Ritchey '60 married her high school sweetheart after graduating from Charity and they celebrated their 50th anniversary in October. They have one daughter and two grandsons. "I worked in OB-GYN for twenty years, then in home health for twenty years for our local hospital." She and her husband are both retired now and enjoy traveling in their motorhome. "We have visited 49 of our 50 states and plan to see Alaska soon! We have been truly blessed and we are grateful for the influence Charity Hospital School of Nursing has had on our life."

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Alumni News

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Cindy Hebert Libel '68 reports that her husband suffered a serious cerebral bleed in May of 2010, but is doing much better. "It has been a challenge and life-altering, but all-in-all we are very blessed. Life gives us lemons and we have to make lemonade." Cindy retired in January, sooner than she had planned, but can now enjoy quality time with her husband and their four grandchildren.

Donna Sue Bordelon '75 wrote to give "a very special thanks to all of you for your hard work and dedication for a very successful Homecoming 2010. It was truly heart-warming to see the alumni and witness a beautiful program agenda on Saturday at the school. Thank you so much for sharing Sister Blanche's interview. Mr. Crouse did an excellent job. Our Class of 1975 classmates shared some great memories of our years at the Best Nursing School in our Country. Hail, Charity!"

Ida Shaddinger Jurisich '45 is 86 years old. "I was at Charity during the war years, 1942-45, as a cadet nurse. I was scheduled to get a physical for the Navy on the very day that peace was declared. I didn't go. In those days, Sister Stanislaus was still walking the halls of Charity Hospital and Dr. Alton Ochsner was at the bedsides with his Tulane students. After graduation, I went to work in a small hospital where I took x-rays, did lab work and delivered babies. My training helped to send my four children through college. I'm in good health, have a daughter Stephanie Casey Johnson who taught at CSN and a grandson Brett Casey who is a Charity grad. Keep up the good work!"

Evelyn Schroeder '58 is living in Metairie and has retired from nurse anesthesia after 49 years, "a most challenging and rewarding profession. My present adventure is enjoying my niece's little three-year-old. We have fun together two days a week. On the other days - friends, travel, whatever."

Hazel Newman Addison '47 "I was a stay-at-home mom for my three children, then reared three of my grandchildren with my son's help. I worked for 10 years at Hines General Hospital in Jackson, MS, in orthopedics after taking a refresher course. I have 8 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. My husband died in 1970, so I've been a widow a long time. I have some health problems but I'm able to walk okay most of the time with a cane. I'm 84 years old and I am thankful for every day now. I have such fond memories of Charity and always appreciate the newsletters and hearing from my classmates."

Ruth Wallace '45 is now living in a retirement home in Berry, NY. "This was my son's idea. We have had two very bad blizzards here, and it's extremely cold - zero degrees and below. I surely don't like that. I don't know how long I can stand being away from the South! Say hello to everyone who remembers me."

ChongSun Shin Ahn '75 sends greetings from Seattle, Washington. "Every time I receive *The White Cap*, I get very nostalgic and sentimental, as many of you do I'm sure. My three years at Charity transformed my life and led me to the caring, most rewarding and ever-so-challenging profession of nursing.

When I first started school, I had no idea of what nursing was all about and I was not sure I could ever get through. I had a huge handicap of the language barrier as a newcomer from South Korea only a little over a year earlier. As I look back, I don't know how I did it!

I remember how wonderful all the teachers and counselors were. I remember the support from classmates, and the dorm sisters who taught me all the American slang words to protect me from boys who might take advantage of this naïve and innocent Korean girl. Ha, ha! They were my guardian Angels! My very first roommate quit school due to homesickness, but we kept in touch and this wonderful American family "adopted" me as their honorary daughter.

I still work as a certified GI nurse at Northwest Hospital in the Endoscopy unit. My bilingual ability comes in handy as many Korean patients come for procedures with the Korean-American gastroenter-ologist on staff here. What was once a handicap is now an advantage to help more people! Isn't it wonderful how things work out in time?

My husband and I have celebrated 33 years of marriage. Our only daughter is studying at Arizona State University and won the title of Miss Phoenix 2010. She has a dream to be Miss America someday. Nothing is impossible in America, right? I am a proud Mama and, since she is a bi-product of Charity, you should all be proud, too!

As you can see, Charity has impacted my life personally and professionally. I learned the meaning of caring and the power of determination and persistence in pursuing your dreams."

Art & Archives Report

By Sharon A. Robinson, MLIS
Head Librarian,
Charity School of Nursing

It was a pleasure to meet so many of the CHSN Alumni members at the Homecoming in October. Several of you were kind enough to identify and provide information about some of the pieces in the school's collection.

Some of you may want to know what I have already been told about some of these items. This is the information I've received:

- Two nurses in period uniforms in a black/white photograph were identified as members of the Class of 1958.
- The statute of the little girl was a gift from Sister Stanislaus to the school some time before her death in 1951.
- The tiara was used during nurses' training in May when the prefect dressed as a bride as part of the rosary ceremony.
- The Drysdale paintings hung in the House Mother's office in 1958 and later (1970s) hung behind the House Mother's desk in the dorm. They were gifts from the artist himself for the care he received from the nuns.

If anyone can add to these details, please send the information along to me.

Since you are all a great source of Charity's history and not shy about talking about your school days, I will continue to ask for information about other items that I have not been able to identify.

On this page are two black & white photographs that need your valuable input. Any information about either photograph (dates, names of the individuals, the ceremony, or the reason for the parade) will be appreciated. I look forward to working with each of you and sharing your memories.

Sharon Robinson can be reached at
504-571-1271 or at srobin@dcc.edu

The CHSN Alumni Association administers a fund dedicated to preserving and restoring the school's collection of art and archival materials. Donations made to the Art & Archive Preservation Project are tax-deductible. You can give toward all preservation needs, or to restore a particular item.

Can You Help Find These Lost Alumni?

It's a reunion year for the following classes but some alumni have not kept us informed of their address changes. If you can help locate any of the following "lost alumni," or if you want to help plan a reunion for your class, please contact the Alumni Office at ***504-571-1395*** *or* ***chsnaaoffice@gmail.com***

1961

Carol Medina Cracco
Lena Stone Garvin
Judith Hanchey
Joan Poole Hickman
Wanda Stanley Hinkle
Astrid Elspeth Hunter
Julie Moore Jones
Barbara Lance Kent
Lula Thompson Kurtz
Betty Reed
Patricia Smith Slocum
H. Joyce Oliver Taylor

1971

Deborah Pawloski Anderson
Adrianne Thomas Ankerson
Peggy Griffin Burris
Carolyn Doerle
Catherine Wilkinson Giacone
Madeline Zeringue Hartmann
Judith James
Jocelyn Bernard Knope
Carol Landry
Janet Lanzetta
Earline McCraine Logan
Charlotte Chatelain Marks
Sandra McConnell
Pamela Stebbins Moore
Susan Fillingham Myers
Cynthia Eisler Pickering
Loise Clark Poche
Linda LeBlanc Prima
Norma Watkins Smith
Darleen Abshire Snell
Connie Milam Whipple
Joan Zulli Youngberg

1981

Sandra Garrity Alost
Lynda Ezell Blasini
Angela Trahan Bowler
Pamela Bryan Burnett
Kathleen Carter
Desiree Pourciau Cross
Lori Deffes
Judy Lynne DeSilva
Mary Luce Dunklin
Angela Fabbra
Patricia Laster Facquet
Denise Matherne Fuchs
Melanie Gayle
Ysonde Gomez Hobbs
Marie Saul Hogan
Gloria Hallal Jarreau
Deborah Montalban Jolissaint
Rose Malone Jones
Kaye Smith Kingsbery
Sandra Pickett Kline
Angela Longley
Patricia Porras Luquet
Julie Bonnette Mark
Rebecca Champagne Morgan
Dziep Nguyen Negarati
Joy VanCleave Olivier
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CSN Students Experience National Convention

The Alumni Association provided funding to assist students in the Charity Association of Student Nurses (CASN) to travel to Utah in April to attend the National Student Nurses Association Convention as delegates representing Charity School of Nursing.

Dear Alumni,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for your support of our recent trip to the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA) Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. We had a very busy week serving as delegates and participated in all of the resolution hearings as well as the voting.

It was such an eye-opening opportunity to see the direction that nursing is heading. If you think of the days when nurses were just considered an aide to the doctors, it was very significant to note the change in power that nurses will have in the whole direction of healthcare for this country. By being active leaders and advocates for patient care we can expect good things ahead for our profession.

There was a little fun sprinkled in the convention as well. There was a "Superhero" night to kick off the week. We were asked to dress as our favorite super heroes. There were definitely some interesting choices in costuming, but we had a lot of fun. Many of us enjoyed various plenary and focus sessions. Topics some of us chose were related to our various positions in student government or areas of interest in the nursing profession.

There was an exposition hall that was full of representatives from many leading universities, hospitals, and also valuable tools and resources that could be utilized for the remainder of our nursing educations. It really was just a wealth of information and a great opportunity to better understand how some of the different ADN-to-BSN/MSN programs are designed.

The weather was gorgeous upon our arrival but quickly did a 180. We experienced rain, snow and sleet, otherwise known as a "wintery mix." Nothing at all similar to the gorgeous, hot, humid weather we left behind! It probably didn't matter what the weather was, because we were so busy with the convention.

It was an honor and a privilege to represent Charity School of Nursing, as well as our great state, this year as delegates for the NSNA convention. We had a wonderful time, and we thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Nina Dean
Kristy Eskridge
Le'Anne Havranek
Joshua Ivy
Amy LeBlanc

CSN Students Shine at State Convention

Charity students were well represented at the October 2010 Convention of Louisiana Association of Student Nurses, winning awards and elections.

Three CSN students were elected to the new state Board of Directors. **Joshua Ivy,** Level 1, was named Information Technology Director; **Kristy Eskridge**, who will graduate in December 2011, was elected Parliamentarian; and **Wedon Brown** was named Presidential Consultant.

Charity School of Nursing was honored as Best Overall Scrapbook, Best Scrapbook Cover, and Most Creative Scrapbook in the Traditional Scrapbook category. In the Multimedia Scrapbook Category, Charity placed second in Best Representation of Student Nursing Association Activities, Best Scrapbook Presentation, and Most Creative.

Nursing students from schools around the state gathered in October to share ideas and experiences, attend educational sessions and participate in policy decisions in the state House of Delegates. The theme of the 2010 Convention was “Be a Saint, Be a Hero, Be a Nurse.”

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Dolores Marsh Alford '51
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Donna Kohnke Fox '65
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Kimberly Hoppe Keim '78
Veronica Gautreaux Theriot '85
Susan Richard Chartier '95
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Norma "Nell" Domangue Colligan '56
Nancy Mynihan Comish '57
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Phyllis Bourgeois Beeching '63
Theresa Marchese '65
Linda Bourgeois Monica '68
Mary K. Landry Bocz '69
Patti Rouchon Burcham '70
Mary Margaret Cavallino '70
Diane Leger Cicero '70
Carrie L. Doyle '70
Katherine Manuel Landreneau '71
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LaVerne McCormick '73
Donna J. Bordelon '75
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Karen Anne Chabert '77
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Gina Broadbridge Suprean '79
Diane Brouillette '80
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George G. Martinez '81
Patricia Dufrene '85
Sharon Larche Spencer '85
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Lori Livaudais Sheehy '91
Joan Aucoin Dominique '95
Beverly Anne Rainey '05
Melody McFatrich '10

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Jamie Walker Jensen '75
Nancy Coleman Coffey '85
Renee B. Guidry '87

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Estelle LeBlanc Rome '64
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Sue E. Ketchum '65
Martha Meaux Genin '65
Susan Thibodeaux Grace '65
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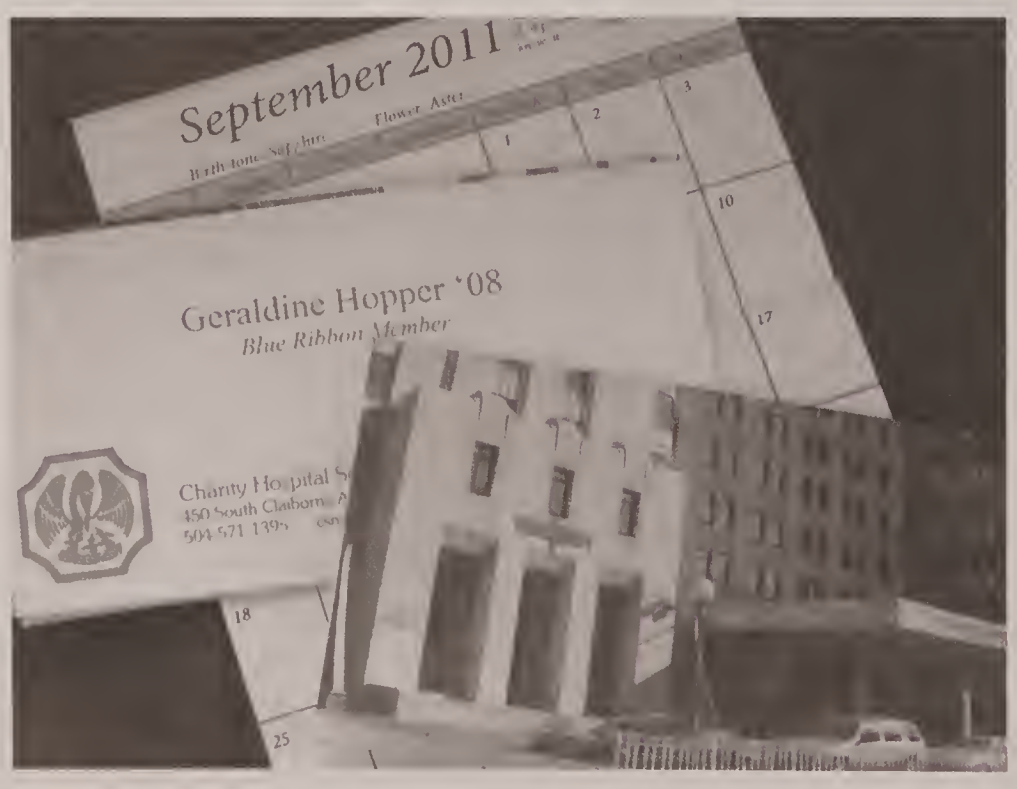

Members who join at the $25 level or above receive a personalized CHSN Alumni Association pocket planner.

Senior Luncheon

The Alumni Association sponsors what we call the "Senior Luncheon" every semester. The luncheon is held on the day of the Professional Issues Seminar for the graduating seniors. It is a busy day for the students, and it is a real convenience for them to be served a nice lunch during their short midday break.

It is also a good opportunity for the alumni to introduce ourselves to the seniors and encourage them to join the Alumni Association. The students always thank us profusely and definitely appreciate the special treat. The volunteers have a lot of fun as well as we pour soft drinks and replenish platters of sandwiches, salads and cookies.

Alumni Influence Professional Issues Seminar

By Deborah Skevington, RN, MSN
Educational Coordinator,
Nursing of the Adult Client II

Nursing of the Adult Client II is the capstone course in the nursing curriculum, and an important event each semester is an all-day Professional Issues Seminar for the graduating seniors. It was traditionally an entire day of presentations on professional topics, but in the spring 2010 semester, the format of the seminar changed.

This change was brought about when a member of the Alumni Association happened to see a graduate applying for a nursing position in a local hospital. The graduate was very inappropriately dressed for a job interview, and that observation was communicated to our Dean of Learning and Student Affairs. When this was shared with the faculty, it was decided that a format change could help our students to be successful.

Now the students spend the morning participating in a mock job interview (with a prepared resume and cover letter), observing a mock job interview, and attending a First Impressions presentation.

In the afternoon (after the luncheon provided by the Alumni Association), there are poster presentations. Each clinical group prepares a poster on a topic from the broad fields of professional issues, informatics and technology, quality and compliance and evidence based practice. Each member of the clinical group then gains experience in public speaking by presenting their poster to groups of students and faculty.

The seminar has proved to be a success. Many students stated that they had never interviewed for a professional position and now felt more prepared for that first interview for a nursing position. The faculty and I wish to thank you for your continued support of our students.

Senior clinical groups make poster presentations at the Professional Issues Seminar.

Charity Hospital Receives Historic Listing

On January 24, 2011, Charity Hospital was officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places with the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. The monumental Art Deco master-piece was noted for its significance in healthcare and medicine, and as an architectural treasure.

The Foundation for Historical Louisiana (FHL) has been instrumental in gaining this recognition for "Big Charity" and is a strong advocate for the protection and restoration of the hospital. More information about the status of Charity Hospital can be found on the FHL website **www.fhl.org** and at another Charity Hospital advocacy site, **www.SaveCharityHospital.com**.

CHSN Alumni Association

Mementos to Order by Mail

Sister Stanislaus Memorial Print

Artist Mary Etta Holiday has created a captivating original print featuring an image of the Sister Stanislaus Memorial building (the old nursing school dorm) watched over from on high by ethereal Daughters of Charity in their distinctive winged caps. At a standard 11 by 14 inches, this beautiful, high-quality, full-color print is easy to frame and is printed on medium-weight glossy stock. A limited number of prints signed and numbered by the artist are also available.

Please send me: (How many?)

_____ Regular prints @ $20.00 each

_____ Signed/numbered prints @ $25.00 each

CHSNAA Event Cushion/Blanket

It looks like a tote and with two generous pockets it works like one, too, but it is so much more! It is a slender, yet surprisingly comfortable seat cushion whose quiet elegance makes it perfect to slip beneath your tush on that hard wooden church pew or on those folding chairs at the museum lecture. And since it looks like a tote, it doesn't scream "seat cushion" as you carry it around. But wait! It quickly unzips into a generously sized blanket, water-resistant on one side and cozy blue fleece on the other. Just the thing for spreading out at the Endymion parade, for wrapping up on a chilly evening, or for protecting you from an unexpected drizzle at the concert in the park. Keep one in your car and you will always be prepared!

Please send me: (How many?) _____ Event Cushion/Blanket @ $30.00 each.

And we still have the always popular:

(How many?)

_____ **CHSNAA Afghan** @ $60.00 each.

_____ **CHSN Mailbox Bank*** @ $90.00 each.

(*Supplies very limited!)

TOTAL ENCLOSED = $_____

Prices include shipping and handling.

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In Memoriam

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Bernadette Rhodes Peart '38 (11/27/10)
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Nicole Samantha Rotonti (1/17/11)

Memories of My Mother

By Mary Fisher Lipscomb Lyons, MD

Mary Evelyn Marlin Fisher '36 died February 8, 2010 in Lake Charles, LA, of colon cancer at the age of 88. She left 7 children and 9 grandchildren, and was preceded in death by her husband in 1975. All her life, she valued her training at Charity and I remember many stories of her experiences as a young nursing student during the depression at Charity.

My mother inspired one of my best friends, Gay Fuqua Nassri, to become a nurse and study at Charity. My mother also helped to inspire me to become a doctor and I obtained my MD in 1967 from LSU School of Medicine. One of my sisters became a nurse; one of the granddaughters is studying nursing at McNeese; another granddaughter became a physician's assistant.

Several years ago, my husband and I, with help from my brothers and sisters, established an endowed scholarship in my mother's name at the University of New Mexico where my husband and I were faculty members. Mother was so proud of this endowment and, remembering her own struggles as a student, she asked that all recipients have financial need.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity that Charity School of Nursing gave my mother.

Dr. Lyons made a generous donation in memory of her mother to the CHSN Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. △

Sister Camilla Gaudin

Daughter of Charity **Sister Camilla Gaudin** died November 16, 2010. Sister Camilla, a native of Bayou Goula, LA, entered the Daughters of Charity in 1935. She served as supervisor of the orthopedic department at Charity Hospital for 32 years, then spent another 18 years at Charity Hospital serving as patient liaison. Sister Camilla was residing in Bridgeton, MO, at the time of her death. Sister Camilla was an Honorary Member of the CHSN Alumni Association. △

Sister Camilla Gaudin Scholarship Established

Mary Smith Singletary '49 has made a $500 donation to the Alumni Association to establish a scholarship in memory of Sister Camilla Gaudin. Mary hopes other alumni will follow her lead and make donations in honor of the much-loved Sister Camilla.

If you would like to donate to the Sister Camilla Scholarship Fund, please send your check to the Alumni Association. The Scholarship Committee hopes to make the first award to a student next Spring. △

Lucille Breaux Barry

Barbara Jourdan, the niece of **Lucille Barry '71**, wanted to honor her aunt's memory by helping out a current student. She asked if there was someone who might best benefit from a little financial assistance, preferably a single mother studying to be a nurse.

Her timing was fortuitous. Less than a month earlier, a student with young children had lost her husband very suddenly. Barbara's gift helped this student during a difficult time as she continued her studies. Because of Barbara's generosity, Lucille continues to touch lives at Charity. △

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CHSNAA 2011-12 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, August 23
Board Meeting
4:00 PM
School of Nursing
6th floor Faculty Lounge

Saturday, Sept. 24
Alumni Breakfast
Westin Canal Place

Tuesday, Oct. 4
Board Meeting
4:00 PM
School of Nursing
6th floor Faculty Lounge
Nominations deadline
Secretary and two Board Member positions open
Alumni News deadline for submissions

2nd week of November
Alumni News and Ballot mailing
to paid members.

Friday, December 9
Voting deadline
Ballots must be received in Alumni Office.

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012
Board Meeting
4:00 PM
School of Nursing
6th floor Faculty Lounge

March 2012 - TBA
Alumni Luncheon

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School News

By Dianne Thames, CSN Dean of Learning and Student Development

Charity School of Nursing Delgado Community College is experiencing a very good year. We have approximately 800 clinical students and 70 faculty members. We graduated 157 students in December and look forward to graduating approximately 145 in May of 2011. Currently our NCLEX pass rate is 93%. We are very proud of that success.

Students, faculty and staff have been busy teaching, learning and working together as a team. At the beginning of the academic year, the SGA president Nic Whitacre and I agreed that we would make a real effort to promote a positive environment at CSN. The students have met that challenge, and student organizations are increasingly becoming an important aspect of "life at Charity."

Sigma Alpha Chi has extended their tutoring service to sites in the building as well as off-campus in order to target the most student needs.

The Charity Association of Student Nurses (CASN) has been especially active all year long. They raise money by selling parking in the school garage during Saints games. (Come and park at Charity when you go to the games!) CASN sponsors a food bank for financially struggling students who need assistance. They also collect used cell phones for our troops overseas.

The Student Government Association has sponsored several events including a Hawaiian evening, a casino royale, a talent show, and the upcoming annual crawfish boil. All the events are a great deal of fun.

Our faculty, too, has been outstanding. Rick Crouse has led the video-streaming movement in the country, being the first in the nation to make video-streaming available to students online, even at their home. Now students can review an educational video at their convenience and as it meets their learning needs.

Many of our faculty have published, presented at seminars and conferences, participated in new teaching strategies and conducted research. Locally and nationally, our faculty represents Charity well!

A new event this year: the faculty and staff planned and hosted an Open House in April. Almost 200 prospective students attended! Current students conducted tours of the building. Faculty members made presentations about the first-year student experience, and demonstrated nursing skills to pique interest. Prospective students visited the library, the skills labs and classrooms. The Human Patient Simulator lab was a big hit with the "breathing" manikins and "body parts" used for skills practice. Admissions and Financial Aid staff were also on hand to answer questions and give guidance.

In an indication of the changing demographics of the student body, child care was provided during the Open House. The children of prospective students enjoyed popcorn, balloons, and crayons while their parents toured the school.

The entire faculty is involved in working on another very big project, a new curriculum. This in addition to their usual job responsibilities! We hope to complete work on the new curriculum by Fall of 2011.

As always, we thank you, alumni, for your support and your help. You are a big part of our success. Thank you for all you do to help keep Charity the great school it is. △

Photos: Potential students view a simulator manikin while their kids enjoy balloons in the lobby.

Alumni Breakfast

Saturday, Sept. 24

Westin Hotel at Canal Place
Canal Street at the River, 100 Rue Iberville
504-566-7006

Cash Bar opens at 9am, Breakfast served at 10am.

Price: $38.00
On-Site Parking in Canal Place Garage.

Bring your appetite
Enjoy a mellow morning of renewing friendships while you are served a piping hot plate of scrambled eggs, bacon and breakfast potatoes. Nibble on a muffin while sipping coffee and enjoying a spectacular view of the City from the top floor of the gorgeous Westin Hotel.

Bring your checkbook
We will be auctioning a beautiful antique CHSN Cape (a rare and treasured keepsake - blue wool with red lining, and gold CHSN initials embroidered on the collar), plus we will have plenty of terrific souvenirs, raffles, a 50/50 drawing, and much more!

Bring your Best Memory
Our student documentarians will be back to videotape your stories of life as a Charity nursing student. Bring history alive with your memories! These oral histories preserve the unique experience that is Charity. Tell us your memories of the dorm, the hospital, the Sisters, Joe's Bar, what you remember best!

Bring your Best Friend
Call a classmate you haven't seen in years and catch up at the Breakfast. Introduce yourself to some graduates from the year you were born. Our alumni know that the best friends are always the friends you make at Charity!

Deadline for reservations is September 19, 2011.
The Reservation Form is on Page 19.

Please fill out this form: PRINT CLEARLY!

Name: _____ Class: _____
First name Maiden or Graduation name Last name

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Make your Alumni Breakfast Reservations:

Deadline for reservations is September 19, 2011.

❒ **I will attend the Alumni Breakfast on Saturday, September 24.**

Please reserve for me: How many? _____ Breakfasts @**$38.00** each.....$_____

Bringing a Guest? Please give us the name for their nametag _____

I Want to Renew my Annual Membership Dues:

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*Members at these levels receive a personalized CHSNAA pocket planner.

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Please tell us your opinion: Check the boxes for your preferences.

❒ I like The White Cap printed on paper and mailed to me.
❒ If it were available, I would prefer to receive The White Cap on-line.
❒ I would like to receive announcements about Charity School of Nursing events by e-mail throughout the year.

(Please feel free to write or email us with more in-depth opinions on these issues.)

Make checks payable to: CHSN Alumni Association. Mail this form with your check to:

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From the President

Classmates from '71 and '72 gather at the Alumni Breakfast.

Hello, Alumni! I cannot believe two years have come and gone. Serving as President of the Alumni Association has been a great honor and an incredible experience.

Of course, I could not have done it without the support of the Alumni officers and Board members. I encourage all of you to think about being as active as you can with this very special Alumni group.

Alumni Breakfast

We had a terrific get-together on September 24 at the Westin Hotel. Over 100 alumni were there to have breakfast and renew old friendships. The **Class of 1971** blew everyone away with 16 happy classmates in attendance for their 40th reunion!

Cheryl Myers, the new Executive Dean of the School of Nursing, thanked the Association for its generous support of the school, its programs and the students. The School of Nursing currently has 635 students enrolled, with 70 full-time faculty members.

Fifty-year certificates were presented to **Frances Petho Aponte**, **Beverly Cazayoux**, and **Judy Addy Danos** of the Class of 1961. Lifetime Memberships were presented to **Margaret Oalmann Palmisano '49** and **Vivian Larkin Manes '70**.

Mona Fruge '72 won the auction for a large framed print of Big Charity in a fleur de lis, and the winning bidder on the CHSN cape was **Anne Baudier '08**. Our thanks go to Anne's friend **Al Juno**, who kept Anne bidding when she started to falter!

On a serious note, CSN faculty member and President of the Louisiana Organization of Associate Degree Nursing, **Deborah Skevington '79**, brought the alumni up to date on movements around the country toward requiring the BSN as the basic entry into nursing practice. Though this topic has been on the table for decades, some states are beginning to discuss legislation.

Keeping track of what is happening in Louisiana enables us to participate in decision making about nursing's future. While additional education is always encouraged, the Associate Degree offers a more financially feasible option for many students to enter the nursing profession.

Spring Luncheon

The Spring Alumni Luncheon will be Saturday, March 3, 2012, at Chateau Golf & Country Club in Kenner. This is a beautiful venue with gorgeous surrounding grounds, plenty of free parking, and it's very easy to get to. We will definitely be offering another CHSN cape for auction, so bring your checkbook!

We will also offer for auction a really unique item donated by **Lorraine Fearheiley '69**. It is a wood-carving of the CHSN pin, about a foot square, made for Lorraine by an inmate of the Hunt Correctional Center in the early 80s. What an amazing decorative accent for your home!

We encourage classes to hold their reunions at the Alumni events, and the Luncheon in March would be a great time for your class to catch up!

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Judy Danos, Frances Aponte and Beverly Cazayoux of the Class of 1961 accept their Fifty-year certificates.

From the President Continued

Elections

You'll find the 2012 Election Ballot on page 10 of this newsletter. It is so important that each of you vote! You are helping to choose the leadership of our organization. December 9 is the deadline for receipt of election ballots, so take a few minutes today to sit down and read the candidate bios and make your selection.

Remember that only paid members are eligible to vote in elections, so please renew your membership!

Art & Archives Project

An update on the two John Drysdale watercolors we told you about in past newsletters: The paintings, from the 1930s, had been a gift from the artist to the nursing school, but had water-damage. For years they hung in obscurity in a conference room.

One of our alumni, who wishes to be anonymous, contacted the CSN Librarian Sharon Robinson and said she wanted to pay for the restoration of the two Drysdales in honor of her mother and aunt. Only Sharon knows the donor's name, but whoever she is, we certainly want to thank her for this very generous gift.

The paintings have been restored, and they look really beautiful. They are now hanging in the library so they can be enjoyed by everyone.

Student Assistance

I hope you'll read about our new Student Emergency Assistance Fund on page 4. As our student body becomes more non-traditional, we see so many students who are struggling with terrible personal crises while they are trying to get through nursing school.

Sometimes scholarships and other kinds of financial aid simply aren't fast enough or versatile enough to be the spot-on assistance that can keep an at-risk student in school. The Board has committed to try and help these students in crisis, but we need your donations.

New Scholarships

Four scholarships totaling $2,000 were presented by the Alumni Association at the Awards Ceremony this August. The **Sally Cooper Scholarship** went to **Candace Delmore-Hammond**, the **Mary Ann Signorelli Whynot Scholarship** to **Anita Spadoni**, the **Jeansonne Scholarship** to **Sarah Eason**, and the **Joanna DeLaune Walker Scholarship** to **Nic Whitacre**. All these students are now in Level 4.

This semester, we will offer scholarships totaling an amazing $5600, including those listed above plus the **Josephine Gondolfo Scholarship** for Level 1 students, the **Marie & Hugh Garcia Roach Scholarship** and the **Sister Camilla Gaudin Scholarship** for Level 2, and the **Marcelle Jacobs Wright Scholarship** for Level 3.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to the Scholarship Fund, and to those who have chosen to remember their loved ones with an enduring tribute. The students who receive these awards are truly exemplary, and they are going to be wonderful nurses and colleagues.

A New Year

In March, President-elect **Marilyn Hammett '78** will be taking over, and the new representatives you will be electing will join the Board. I know Marilyn is going to be terrific as your new leader, and I'm looking forward to a great new year for the Alumni Association.

I wish each and everyone of you a happy, safe and healthy Holiday Season. The best in 2012!!

Lisa Stokes-Hasten '78
President

Two watercolors by John Drysdale hang in the CSN Library, restored thanks to a gift from a Charity alumni.

From the Executive Director

Hi, Folks! What an exciting first year I've had as Executive Director! It has been great to meet so many of you, whether in person or by phone or email. The Board has been full of ideas and energy. The school is full of activity, and the students are full of promise. I've been challenged in many new ways, and I expect that to continue!

New Student Website

CASN, the Charity Association of Student Nurses, created a great new website and invited the Alumni Association to be part of it with our own informational page. Check out **www.charitystudentnurse.org**. It's a wonderful website with news about the school and CASN activities. We were also asked to provide some history of the school, and in our files we found a facinating article on the history that was apparently written for the faculty handbook some years ago. Does anyone know the author? It's interesting reading, so check it out on CASN's website. I learned a lot!

Delgado 90th Anniversary

One of the things I learned from the school history was that Isaac Delgado was one of many philanthropists who were crucial to Charity Hospital's survival in the 1840s, and so we have a connection to Delgado that began even before our relationship with Delgado Community College and the advent of the ADN program in the early 90s.

Delgado Community College is celebrating their 90th Anniversary this year – which is another new thing I just learned! I had no idea it had been around that long. As part of the celebration they are looking for artifacts of Delgado's past. You or your family may have some fun items in the closet that the college would appreciate to rebuild their archives.

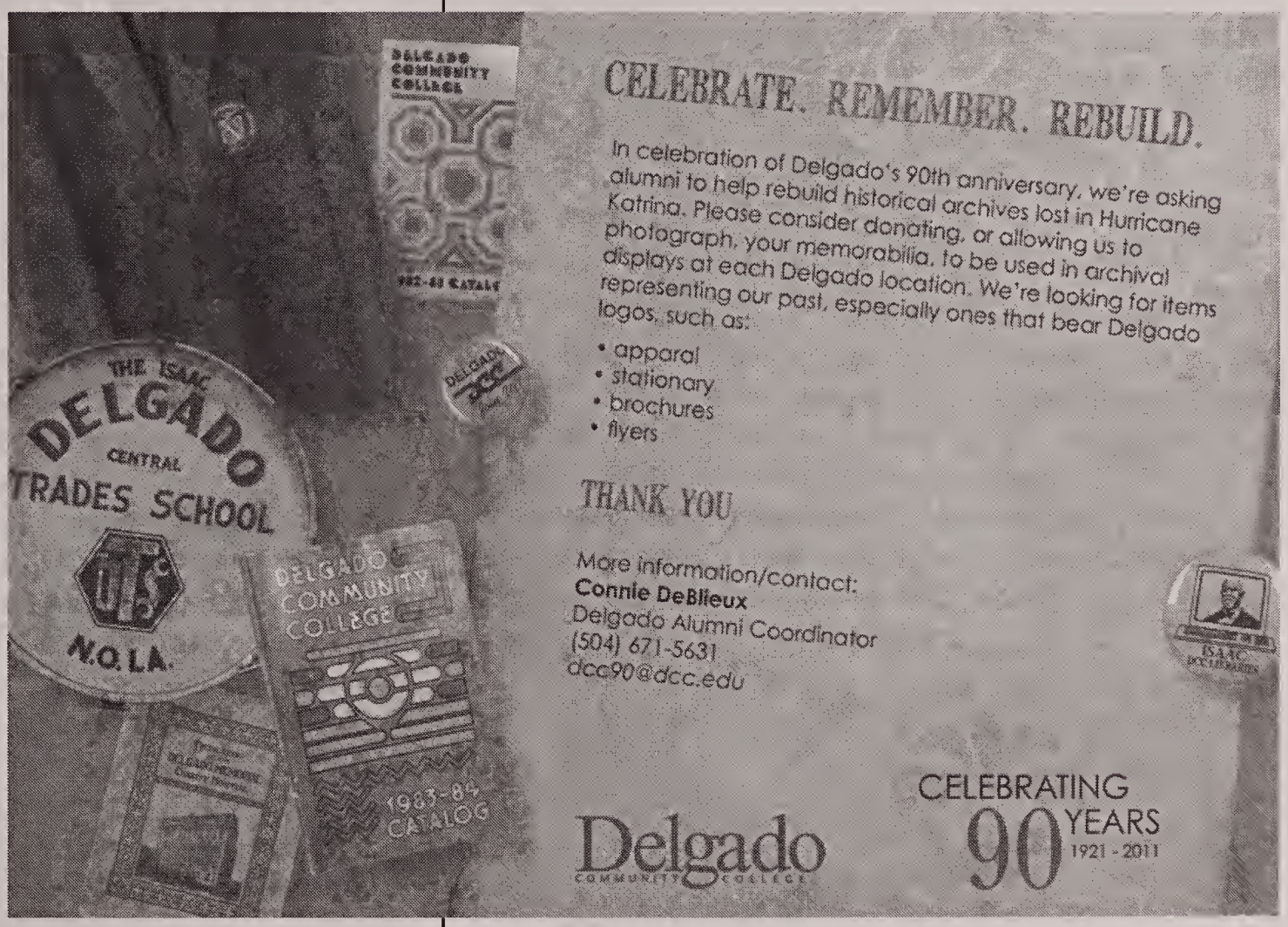
Even if you have no connection to Delgado College, check out **http://delgado90.blogspot.com**. This is a terrific new site with a fascinating series of articles and photos about the history of Delgado, starting with the 1920s and regularly updated with new additions for each decade.

There is a lot of interesting information about New Orleans history - some great stuff was just posted on World War II. It is well worth an online visit!

Breakfast Photos Online

I've loaded a few photos from the Alumni Breakfast on our photo site: **charityalumni.shutterfly.com**. If anyone has photos from alumni events that you'd like to post, please mail or email them to the Alumni office and I will load them.

Some folks have had trouble accessing our Shutterfly photo site because they are trying to go through a search engine. Just type in the address directly and you'll go right to Charity's site.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In celebration of Delgado's 90th anniversary, we're asking alumni to help rebuild historical archives lost in Hurricane Katrina. Please consider donating, or allowing us to photograph, your memorabilia, to be used in archival displays at each Delgado location. We're looking for items representing our past, especially ones that bear Delgado logos, such as:
• apparel
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• brochures
• flyers
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Delgado Alumni Coordinator
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Elections

Because it contains the election ballot, the *Alumni News* is usually only mailed to paid members, since only those members are eligible to vote. This year, we are mailing it to everyone, but with two different ballot envelopes. If your membership has expired, your ballot envelope will indicate that. If you would like to vote in the election, you will need to send your membership dues along with your ballot in order for your vote to be counted.

If your dues are current, you may simply mail in your ballot. But it's a good time for you to renew your membership as well!

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From the Executive Director Continued

Mailbox Banks

Six alumni are currently on the waiting list for Mailbox Banks, and we hope to be shipping those soon. We are quickly reaching the end of the mailbox doors with functional combination locks that can be made into banks. If the combination lock cannot be fixed, the doors will be made into plaques. The door on the plaque will open and latch closed, but will not lock. These plaques look very attractive hung on the wall and can hold a photo.

Bricks

The second phase of the Commemorative Brick Wall will be installed at the nursing school by the first of the year. Once this new group of bricks is in place, there will be 251 bricks on the wall. It will be quite a sight! The wall is in the patio area off the nursing school lobby and can be viewed during regular business hours Monday through Friday.

Thank you so much to everyone who purchased a brick. The money raised by brick sales is used to fund activities like the Senior Lunch and sending CASN students to national conventions.

Senior Lunch

On November 22, the Alumni Association will offer lunch to around 175 graduating seniors on their Professional Issues Day. It's a great opportunity to raise awareness of the Alumni Association among the seniors, and it's a lot of fun to chat with the students about their future plans. Volunteers are needed to serve the lunch from around 11:00am to 1:00pm. Contact the Alumni office by phone or email if you would like to help.

Afghans

Our CHSN afghans continue to be popular with each new generation of alumni. We highly recommend dry cleaning for your afghan. Some alumni have had less than superlative results from machine washing. Dry cleaning keeps them beautiful!

Scrapbooks

We are still in desperate need of someone to take our scrapbooks in hand! We know there are alumni out there who love scrapbooking! It's a task you can do at home, or we can get a group together to help cut and paste. We are hopelessly scrapbook-challenged and need leadership and an artistic eye. This could be you! Take pity on us and contact the Alumni Office to say you are the answer to our scrapbooking prayers.

Alumni Luncheon

The Reservation Form for the Spring Luncheon is on page 8. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there on March 3, so please get your reservations in early.

Lista Hank '97

New Fund to Provide Emergency Assistance to Students in Crisis

Many CSN students experience hardships during their enrollment at Charity, but sometimes an unusually serious or unexpected crisis can be enough to derail their studies and even threaten their ability to remain at Charity. Just in the past year, one student's husband died suddenly, leaving her the single parent to young children. One student's house burned down. Another, a single mother of two, was diagnosed with leukemia.

"Students quit their jobs (losing insurance, retirement, etc.) to devote themselves to nursing school," reports faculty member **Bobbie Bartee '66**. But then a medical or family crisis hits and it can mean a student dropping out of school, often for financial reasons.

Faculty on the front lines are all too aware of the turmoil in students' personal lives, and losing students to circumstances like these can be agonizing. One of Bobbie's clinical students had to drop out due to a medical crisis. "My heart hurts for this fine young man. Many of our students are at risk and could use assistance. We all know, nursing school is not easy on life."

In many cases, a little timely financial assistance can help a student over a crisis and keep them in nursing school. In the past, students have reached out to faculty, other students, and to the Alumni Association for financial help. The Alumni Association Board decided that a consistent approach was needed to respond to CSN student requests for emergency assistance.

The Board has chosen to address this need by establishing a new fund – the **Student Emergency Assistance Fund** - to help out students in crisis.

A faculty committee will identify students in legitimate distress, and the Alumni Association will give each at-risk student a $100 Walmart gift card. That option was chosen because the card can be used for food, clothing, prescriptions, or a variety of other items.

The Alumni Board also decided to dedicate the proceeds from our auctions (of the cape and the Big Charity print) held at the Alumni Breakfast to the **Student Emergency Assistance Fund** so that we can respond immediately to student needs. If you would like to make a donation to help students in crisis stay in school, use the Reservation or Membership forms on page 8 and 10.

Contact the CHSN Alumni Association:
450 S. Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112
504-571-1395 chsnaaoffice@gmail.com

CHSN Capes Go Up For Auction

Anne Baudier '08 models her CHSN cape.

Beautiful navy blue capes were once an integral part of the Charity uniform. Lined in red, the wool capes were embroidered in gold at the collar with the initials CHSN.

Over the years, older graduates, when moving to smaller homes or realizing that the capes hold little meaning for their children, have contacted the Alumni Association to see if we would take the capes, and we have gladly accepted them.

In the past year, we began offering them by auction to Charity graduates. These capes are highly prized by later graduates who never owned capes, but who value their symbolic connection to the history of the School of Nursing.

The funds raised by the auctions go to the Alumni Association projects, and the donors know that the capes will find new homes where they will be treasured by Charity graduates.

Sometimes the capes have their own history. **Marion Jones Morgan '51** wrote, "This cape once belonged to **Polly Perez Venero**. She graduated in the 30s, I think. We were both working at the Sanitarium when it was a TB Hospital. She gave me the cape because I didn't have one. After the Sanitarium closed I lost touch with Polly – this was back in the 70s. I have no one to give the cape to, so I am sending it to you." Now this lovely cape will go on to a third generation of Charity nurses.

At the September 24 Breakfast, bidding for the cape (donated by **Barbara Chastant Vinet '53**) was especially spirited. **Anne Baudier '08** was the winning bidder. "I was fifty years old when I graduated from nursing school, and it took me forever to get there! This is such a special memento of Charity for me," she said.

More capes will be available for auction at future alumni events. If you'd like to donate a cape or other items, send them to the Alumni Association office.

We have been collecting capes for a number of years, and we don't have a complete list of all the alumni who have given them to us, but other recent donors include: **Hazel Mack Wilson '52**, **Sandra Feagler '60**, and **Doris Bennett '60**.

Thank you to all who donated your capes!

Alumni Notes

Mary Katherine "Kitty" Brune Mollere '52 wrote in July to say she is recovering from a left total knee replacement. "Oh, what pain! I enjoy reading the White Cap. Keep up the good work."

Louise Sternberg '55 wrote to let us know that Fritz and **Barbara Minga Warren '55** have moved from Arlington, Virginia, to Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, near their daughter. They planned their move to include driving across the U.S., visiting friends (including classmate **Penny Martin Fleetwood** in Houston) and then sailed from California.

Hazel Mack Wilson '52 wrote to say, "I always enjoy reading about what is happening at Charity (although the people look very young – *sigh*). I'm sorry that I have lost touch with all of the people who were there when I was. I have very fond memories of Charity and New Orleans. Keep up the good work."

Reunions

Class of 1966: Please attend the March 3rd Luncheon so we can all see each other again! Forty-five years have slipped by – we don't want another year to go by without renewing our friendships!

Class of 1997: Fifteen years! Long enough to be intriguing – not so long that it starts getting scary… Attend the Alumni Luncheon on March 3, and find out what everyone has been up to!

FYI: Employment Opportunity

Centene Corporation is seeking a **Vice President for Medical Management** (VPMM) for Louisiana Healthcare Connections (LHC), a joint venture between Centene Corporation and Louisiana Partnership for Choice and Access, an organization comprised of 19 non-profit Louisiana FQHCs. The regional headquarters for Louisiana Healthcare Connections is located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The equivalent of a four (4) year nursing education/BSN is required with advanced education in nursing, health care, business or public administration preferred. For further information please contact Rachael Burns, Cejka Executive Search at rburns@cejkasearch.com.

CHSNAA Members Calendar Art Invitational

Are you an artist or photographer? Do you have some pictures of life at Charity you'd like to share? We are looking for images to put on our Members Calendar.

Alumni who join at the $25 or higher membership levels receive a personalized CHSNAA pocket calendar. Past images on the calendars have included photos and drawings of the dorm and education buildings, old postcards, and vintage photographs of graduating classes.

Maybe you have a photo of yourself in uniform on the steps of the dorm that is the iconic image we are looking for. Maybe it's that snapshot of your roommate in curlers falling asleep over her books. Or you have a sketch or painting that embodies the Charity feeling. Images that can appeal to multiple generations of alumni are a plus.

The image can be any size or shape, but it will be printed on the approximately 3.5" x 6.25" calendar cover. It can be in color, or black & white. The calendars will be distributed to over 200 alumni, starting at the end of December 2011.

The deadline for submissions for the 2012 calendar is **December 9, 2011**, (same day that ballots are due!)

Email or mail your entry to: **CHSN Alumni Association,** 450 South Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112, **chsnaaoffice@gmail.com.** Question? Email, or call 504-571-1395. Images not chosen for 2012 may be used on future calendars.

Doris Burvant – In Appreciation

BY PATTI ROUCHON BURCHAM '70

Words cannot express or describe the many wonderful things that **Doris Burvant** has done over the past fifty years, and the appreciation we all feel. She has always displayed kindness, professionalism, and sincere concern for others and a true dedication.

Most of us cannot recall CHSN without thinking of Doris. She has been there for so many of us and has served as a role model for the kind of nurse and person we should be.

Doris always seemed to have time for everyone, never complaining about the many duties and responsibilities she had. And through it all, she remained devoted, never asking for anything in return, humble and not requiring the accolades that she so deserved.

And so it is a great loss for the future students of Charity who will not have the privilege and honor to know Doris. I am forever grateful for that honor and privilege and consider myself among the fortunate to have been in her presence.

My hope is that a special plaque or replica in her honor will be placed in the school building, so that generations to come can know of her dedicated service to the profession of nursing and to Charity.

Thank you, Doris, for impacting the lives of countless student nurses and Charity alumni, setting the standards by which we all strived for, and for your tireless devotion and commitment!

Memories of Sister Camilla

BY SAUNDRA ROBERT '56

Sister Rosa Lee Kramer, of the Daughters of Charity Archives Department in St. Louis, Missouri, contacted me to ask for help finding people who knew Sister Camilla Gaudin. The archivists are trying to gather information about Sister Camilla's fifty-plus years of serving patients at Charity Hospital.

Mary Singletary and I have agreed to write down our recollections of Sister Gaudin, and we are asking other Charity alumni to do the same.

If you would like to help, contact Sister Rosa Lee Kramer, D.C., 314-533-4770, rkramer@dcwcp.org.

IN MEMORIAM

Mildred Marie Oubre Baugh '37 (5/9/2011)
Blanche Clause Ballowe '43 (8/11)
Mary Pescoller DeLozier '43 (8/11/2009)
Irma Josephine Williamson Fink '44 (8/21/11)
Mary Aline Henderson Perret '44 (9/16/11)
Helen LeCompte Pickering '47 (9/25/11)
Mary Jo Caldwell Anderson '48 (1/15/2011)
C. Jean Haywood Cannon '48 (5/15/2010)
Barbara Mequet Ochsner '48 (5/17/11)
Faye Chesser Snyder '48 (1/12/11)
Thelma Chinners Jameson '52 (4/7/05)
Carolyn Knobloch Lorio '53 (6/2/11)
Elaine Nygard Sacks '53 (2004)
Joycelyn Wagner Barbier '54 (5/9/11)
Judith Sophia Flach Prevou '60 (5/12/2011)
Astrid E. Hunter '61 (1/25/11)
Carol Sue Hurst Deutsch '65 (8/4/11)
Lena Theresa Benoit '68 (9/27/11)
Carol Sue Hurst Deutsch '74 (8/4/11)
Sally Abdon Noblin '98 (5/8/2011)

Mementos of 1904 Graduate Return to Charity

BY URSULA ALLAIN '65

I answered the phone at the Alumni Office a few weeks ago and it was a lovely lady named Patricia Scoby. She told me her grandmother, Julia Carmical Walker, had graduated from Charity. Pat had some mementos and she wondered if the Alumni Association might want them.

Pat and her husband were planning a driving trip from their home in Georgia to Arizona and she offered to drop the items off. They would be in town the day of the Alumni Breakfast so we decided to meet at the Westin.

Pat and her husband Warren arrived, and a small group of us got a chance to visit with this charming couple. They brought a cardboard box, and what treasures it contained! Photos, certificates, letters, newspaper articles - the history of a remarkable woman.

Julia Carmical graduated in 1904 from Charity Hospital Training School for Female Nurses. She was from Moreland, Georgia, and her doctor grandfather had influenced her to go into nursing. She worked until she got married and had a son and daughter.

Julia returned to nursing in 1935. After her husband's death she took a job at a nursing home in Atlanta in 1948. She worked eight hours a day, five days a week, caring for patients every day, until she retired at age 86.

The Atlanta Journal interviewed Julia on her retirement in 1967. "I think the highest calling of all is helping and caring for the sick," she was quoted. "If I ever did anything wrong it was of the head and not the heart. I always tried to do unto others as I wanted them to do unto me." As for her long nursing career, she said, "I would do it again."

Mrs. Chester Lind and Miss Julia Spratt present a corsage to Julia Carmical Walker, Class of 1904, as Sister Blanche looks on at the 1965 Charity Homecoming.

Julia attended the Charity Hospital School of Nursing Homecoming in 1965, and was the oldest graduate in attendance. Mayor Moon Landrieu wrote a letter of congratulations to Julia and the other alumni present with over 50 years in nursing.

The year Julia retired, Sister Urban wrote from Charity to give Julia her congratulations. Her letter included the news that the School of Nursing had just received approval to erect a building next to the Nurses' Residence – the Education Building. "This expansion has been greatly needed for years so we are very happy about this project getting underway."

The mementoes also included Julia's trusty bandage scissors and a 1904 book of anatomy and physiology. There was also a delightful book of recipes written by Sister Agnes and published by the school in 1904. There's a great chapter titled "Beverages for the Sick" which includes recipes for Mint Juleps and Whisky Sours! Also in the book is an extract from the First Lecture in 1984, Maxims for Nurses: "Be patient yourself, forbearing and gentle, and never forget that you are the nurse."

Most exciting of all, Pat gave us Julia's beautiful diploma from 1904, and her original Charity pin – the really elaborate one with the loops, lamp and laurel leaves. You can see it on Julia's uniform in all her photos.

These wonderful documents, photos and artifacts have been presented to Sharon Robinson, the librarian at CSN, who heads up the Art & Archives Project to restore, preserve and catalog items like these. Our sincere thanks go to Pat and Warren Scoby for their generous gift, and for sharing their memories of an amazing Charity graduate. ☙

These are the kind of fascinating historical items that the Arts & Archives Project is attempting to preserve for future generations of Charity students. Your donations to the Art & Archives Project can help.

Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association

Alumni Luncheon

Saturday, March 3, 2012

Chateau Golf & Country Club
3600 Chateau Blvd in Kenner
(Exit I-10 at Williams Blvd North, turn left on West Esplanade, go one mile, turn right on Chateau Blvd, and you're there.) 504-467-1351

FREE PARKING!!

Registration/Cash Bar opens at 10:30am,
Lunch served at 11:30am

Cost: $35 per person

Mingle with friends on the balcony overlooking the beautiful club grounds. Visit with classmates as you enjoy a delicious lunch of Chicken Parmesan, crisp green salad, rice pilaf, juilienned vegetables, bread, Lemon Paradise Cake, iced tea and coffee. Then bid on an antique CHSN Cape, take a chance on a raffle, and purchase some cool souvenirs.

CHSNAA Alumni Luncheon Reservation Form

We must receive your reservation by **February 23, 2012**, to guarantee your seating.

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY!

Name _____
First name Maiden/graduating name Last name

Class of: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

❒ I'll See You at the Luncheon:
Total number of people _____ @ $35 each.....$_____

Bringing a Guest? Please give us the name for their Name Tag:

_____

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(in reverse alphabetical order)

Vivian Larkin Manes '70

Vivian has served on the Nominating Committee for the CHSN Alumni Association, is a member of the CHSNAA Advisory Committee, and is a regular volunteer for the Alumni Association's activities including the Senior Lunch and the CSN One Stop Shop. Vivian is a certified case manager, recently board certified in nursing case management by the American Nurses Credentialing Center and works primarily with injured workers on referral from workers' compensation carriers or employers. She is a Board Member of the Case Management Society of America, Greater New Orleans Chapter and the Louisiana Society of Pain Management Nurses. Vivian is a resident of Metairie.

Jennifer Garnand '11

Jenn graduated from Charity this past May and has been working as an Emergency Nurse on the main campus of Ochsner Medical Center. She is a member of the Emergency Nurses Association, ANA and NODNA. While at Charity, she was the president of both her class and CASN, and since graduating has served as a member of the CHSNAA Advisory Committee. Jenn is mom to two-year-old "Lily" and, in her spare time, is a triathlete who trains and fundraises with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training. Before deciding to go to nursing school, Jenn received Bachelor's degrees in Sociology and Theology from Loyola University New Orleans, worked as a high school teacher and a Youth Minister. She just recently attended Creighton University and received her National Registry Emergency Medical Technician certification. "I'm looking forward to continuing to learn and grow as a nurse and am eager to get involved in my new profession! I hope to be able to continue to serve the CHSNAA as a Board Member!"

Patrick Brady '83

Patrick earned a BSN in 1987 from Loyola University, a MSN in 2005 from William Carey College, and a Doctorate in Nursing in 2010 from the University of South Alabama. He was named one of the Great 100 Nurses in 1985. As a Sigma Theta Tau member, he served as President of the Upsilon Theta Chapter 462 from 2009 to 2011. Patrick is currently an Assistant Professor of Nursing at the undergraduate and graduate level at William Carey College. He has been a CHSNAA member since 1983, and has only missed three functions since that time. He also serves on the CHSNAA Advisory Committee. Patrick resides in Slidell, LA.

Charlotte Coatney Arras '71

Charlotte spent most of her nursing career in the operating room, and is currently Clinical Supervisor in CCL at a local hospital. She earned a Bachelor's degree in 1996 and a MS in Healthcare Administration in 2000. Charlotte volunteers at her church as one of the directors of their *Fuel the Future* program that feeds the hungry children in the city through the public school system. Charlotte is a member of AORN, and a Sustaining Member of the Alumni Association. She resides in Metairie.

SECRETARY CANDIDATES

(in reverse alphabetical order)

Rose-Mary Alexander White '72

Rose-Mary earned her BSN at William Carey and her MSN from the Univ. of Phoenix. She has taught at CSN and in the Orleans Parish Practical Nursing Program. She has served as the financial secretary of Sunlight Missionary Baptist Church for the past 20 years, and been Commissioner-in-Charge of a voting precinct for 30 years. Rose-Mary worked as a psychiatric nurse for children and adolescents at the New Orleans Adolescent Hospital for 14 years, and served as a State Surveyor for the Department of Health & Hospitals. Rose-Mary is an avid reader, and enjoys classic movies, crocheting, and traveling. She has been a member of CHSNAA since graduation, is a Sustaining Member, and serves on the CHSNAA Advisory Committee. She is also a member of ANA, LSNA and NODNA. Rose-Mary has served as treasurer for the Alumni Association in the past. She resides in New Orleans.

Joycelyn Gondolfo Jeansonne '78

Joycelyn is a member of AACN, NANN, and Sigma Theta Tau. She has been a guest lecturer at LSU-A and at Louisiana College. Joycelyn has been outstandingly active in CHSNAA for many years, serving as a Board Member, Secretary and President multiple times. She conceived and has been the driving force behind some of the Association's most popular projects such as the CHSN Afghan, the Commemorative Bricks, and the Mailbox Banks. Joycelyn is currently a CHSNAA Board Member and lives in Alexandria, LA.

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2012 ELECTION BALLOT

Candidates' biographical information can be found on the back of this page.

DEADLINE FOR VOTING:

Ballots must be received in the Alumni Office no later than **December 9, 2011**, to be counted.

DIRECTIONS: Circle the names of the candidates of your choice.
Please note: You may vote for up to two candidates in the Board Members category.
If you vote for more than two, your ballot will be disqualified.

SECRETARY (Vote for One)	BOARD MEMBERS (Vote for Two)
JOYCELYN GONDOLFO JEANSONNE '78	**CHARLOTTE COATNEY ARRAS '71**
ROSE-MARY ALEXANDER WHITE '72	**PATRICK BRADY '83**
	JENNIFER GARNAND '11
	VIVIAN LARKIN MANES '70

After making your selection, please place this ballot in the enclosed "BALLOT ENVELOPE" to protect the privacy of your vote. Seal the envelope and insert it in a larger mailing envelope addressed to the CHSN Alumni Association. You may send your luncheon reservation, membership renewal, and other materials in the same mailing envelope, but please enclose only this ballot inside the Ballot Envelope.

Mail your ballot to: **CHSN Alumni Association**, 450 South Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112

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Annual Membership Dues:

- ❒ $15 Regular Membership
- ❒ $25 Blue Ribbon Member*
- ❒ $50 Silver Star Member*
- ❒ $100 Sr. Stanislaus Member*

❒ Sustaining Member: a one-time gift of $500 (and never pay dues again).*

*Members at these levels receive a personalized CHSNAA pocket calendar.

I Want to Contribute to the:

Art & Archive Preservation Fund.....$_____
Student Emergency Assistance Fund.....$_____
Scholarship Fund.....$_____

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From the President

By Marilyn Nola Hammett '78

Hello to all Charity Alumni,

I want to first thank you for having the confidence in me to choose me as your Alumni President for the next two years. This Association has such a rich legacy to continue on into this 21st Century, and I am proud to serve this wonderful organization.

I also want to welcome the new board members: **Patrick Brady '83**, **Jennifer Garnand '11**, and **Vivian Manes '70**. **Joycelyn Jeansonne '78** is now Secretary and **Ursula Allain '65** continues as Treasurer. **Karen Chabert '77** also continues her term on the Board.

What's New

The Times They Are-A Changing! This Bob Dylan song, circa 1964, holds true for us as nurses in 2012. Everything has moved to electronic media, and the Alumni Association is trying to stay current with the new ways of communicating with our members, while still holding on to our traditions.

A year ago we asked our members how they felt about receiving *The White Cap* on paper versus on-line. The overwhelming preference was paper, so we are happy to continue publishing the paper edition you hold in your hand! Those who preferred on-line were emailed copies they can read on their computers. Flexibility – one of those central aspects of nursing!

Alumni enjoy a toast at the March 2012 Luncheon

New Website

As an alumni association, keeping in touch with graduates is a constant job, and our toughest one. Over the years, despite all our efforts, alumni move on and drift away. One day, they start thinking about all those great times in nursing school and want to get back in touch. Where do they start looking for us? On the web. So I think the biggest news this year is our new website! In the past, you could only find information on-line about the Alumni Association within the Delgado College website. Now we have our own website at **CharityAlumni.org**.

There's information about the Association, the services we offer, upcoming get-togethers, membership and souvenirs. Alumni can contact the Alumni office for information with just a click. And you can purchase tickets to the September Alumni Breakfast right on the

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website with your credit card.

Like Us on Facebook

You don't have to wait for the newsletters to keep up to date on what's happening at Charity. We are now on Facebook at **Facebook.com/CharityAlumniNOLA**. There's all sorts of photos, news and announcements. We've posted scholarship winners, pictures from the Alumni Luncheon and other fun stuff. You can add your own comments and photos as well!

Advisory Committee

Also a year ago, we started a pilot project called the Advisory Committee. The Board wanted to get more alumni involved, and we wanted to get more input from alumni, students and faculty.

It has been wonderfully successful and has really made Board meetings very energized and exciting. We recently established guidelines governing the Advisory Committee, including setting a two-year term.

We are delighted to welcome several new members to the Advisory Committee: **Becky Roques McCalla '78**, **Judy Lafleur Ross '68**, **Ellen Manieri '77**, **Joanne Tamporello '77**, **Rhonda Johnson '97**, **Susan Wentz '11** and **Misti Savoie (12/2013)**, the new president of CASN.

Senior Lunch

The Alumni Association served lunch to 122 graduating seniors on March 27. We provide the Senior Lunch on Professional Issues Day when the seniors do mock job interviews and poster presentations on issues they will face in the working world. We served jambalaya, vegetarian pasta, salad, cookies and soft drinks for a little over $4.00 per student – a pretty good deal to help out students on a hectic day and raise awareness of the Alumni Association.

We also held drawings for souvenirs – and the students had to visit our Facebook page to collect. Our hardy volunteers included: **Ursula Allain '65**, **Joycelyn Jeansonne '78**, **Jenn Garnand '11**, **Margie Remes '95, Ross Cunningham '84** and **Karen Chabert '77**. If you'd like to volunteer to help serve at future Senior Lunches, contact the Alumni office.

Student Activities

The Alumni Association sponsored ten students to attend **NODNA Student Nurses Night**, on March 22. The event is an important opportunity to introduce students to their professional organization and for networking with local nursing professionals.

We also provided financial assistance so ten members of the CASN board and the State Board could attend the **National Student Nurses Association** Convention in Pittsburgh in April. It is expensive to attend these conventions between registration fees, hotels and transportation. CASN, the Charity Association of Student Nurses, proudly represents Charity and our state, and we believe this kind of experience is invaluable to these student leaders and to Charity's reputation. The Board voted to provide $1500 to help offset a small portion of the students' expenses.

The state convention of the Student Nurses Association will be held in the New Orleans area later this year and we will be exploring assistance for the CASN students for that meeting.

Students in Crisis

The **Student Emergency Assistance Fund** has helped five Charity students in crisis stay in school this semester by providing fast financial help when they were facing personal, family or medical emergencies. The faculty identifies students in trouble and the Alumni Association gives each student a $100 Walmart giftcard to be used for food, gas, prescriptions or other needs. Thanks to all of you who have contributed so generously. You can donate to the Student Emergency Assistance Fund on the Reservation Form on page 19.

Alumni Awards to Grads

The Pinning Ceremony for the Spring 2012 graduates was May 17. The faculty selected **Pablo Mendez** as the recipient of the **Sister Blanche Alumni Award** for integration of art and science in nursing.

Margaret Palmisano '49 generously donated $100 toward the purchase of a pin for an outstanding student who might not quite have the grades for other awards, and for whom the cost of a pin might be difficult to manage. The faculty selected **Kevin Lombardo**, and he also received his award at the Pinning Ceremony. Thank you to Margaret for remembering that there are sometimes outstanding students who go unrecognized.

Make a Difference

Each of us, as Charity alumni, are a "spark" that makes a difference in whatever area we work (or worked) in our nursing practice. What has been the major factor for CHSNAA is the involvement of the alumni to make this difference. Whether through your donations or volunteering, involvement is critical for all of us to continue this rich legacy of Charity. What Florence Nightingale taught the nursing profession is that feelings ought to be distilled into actions, and into actions which bring results!

We all have our fond memories of nursing school and of our friends and classmates. Here is an action I want from each of you: Contact a member of your class who has never been a member of the Alumni Association or who never attended an alumni event. Tell them how great it feels to be a part of this amazing group of nurses who still believe Charity was a very important part of their lives, whether it was five years ago or fifty! Then we can all celebrate this at the Alumni Breakfast in September.

Annual Luncheon: Rite of Spring

The CHSNAA **Annual Luncheon Meeting** was held Saturday, March 3, at the Chateau Golf & Country Club in Kenner. It was a beautiful venue set in the grassy green environs of the club, and the alumni seemed to be full of spring fever as they chatted with friends and classmates and bought the latest souvenir, a messenger bag.

Marilyn Hammett '78, President-elect, welcomed all members and guests to the meeting (President **Lisa Stokes-Hasten '78** was called away by a patient's crisis). The blessing was offered by **Jennifer Garnand '11**. Alumni enjoyed a delicious meal of Chicken Parmesan and a dessert of Lemon Paradise cake.

Farewell to Sister Blanche

Doris Burvant '60 announced to those gathered that **Sister Blanche McDonnell** died earlier in the week. Sister Blanche was the director of the School of Nursing from 1963 to 1980. Doris spoke eloquently about the legacy of Sister Blanche and how pivotal her leadership was for the school.

Roll Call

Marilyn and **Joycelyn Jeansonne '78** conducted the Roll Call of Classes. Roll Call is always full of laughter as the class members rise to be recognized and compete for bragging rites for most in attendance. The Class of 1972 won this time with eleven, but Class of 1957 was close on their heals with ten, and the Class of 1961 had nine. Also of note, the Class of 2011 had five in attendance!

The oldest (but youngest at heart) alumni at the Luncheon was a lively **Irma Solomon '41** who assisted with setting out the Charity centerpieces, candle-lit luminaries featuring a stained-glass-look design of the pin and a nursing lamp.

March 19 was "Certified Nurses Day", so the certified nurses in attendance were asked to stand and be recognized for professional achievement in their practice areas.

Ursula Allain '65 announced the recent scholarship recipients and thanked everyone for their generous donations to the Scholarship Fund.

Dr. Cheryl Myers, Dean of the School of Nursing, recognized faculty, staff and students for their hard work and awards. CSN is working with colleges and universities for articulation for RN to BSN. She announced that the school will offer an RN refresher course this summer. CSN refresher courses have returned 25 nurses to work.

New Board

Treasurer Ursula Allain led the new board members in their pledge. Nominations Chair **Alice Brady '64** thanked those who ran for office this past fall. She announced that the Fall 2012 elections will be for President-elect, Treasurer, and two Board members. She encouraged everyone to run and get involved.

Auction and Alma Mater

Karen Chabert '77 was the auctioneer for the spirited bidding session. The antique CHSN cape donated by

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Left: Irma Solomon '41

Annual Luncheon

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Sylvia Wilkins '60, was sold to **LeAnne Havranek**, a current CSN student who plans to wear the cape to school! The Wooden Pelican Plaque donated by **Lorraine Fearheiley '69** was sold to **Paula Kensler '79**, and a Fleur De Lis Print donated by **Amanda Babin '68** was sold to **Patricia Dufrene '85**.

Betty Hebert '68 had the winning ticket for the 50/50 drawing. Numerous door prizes were distributed, and the alumni joined together in singing the "Alma Mater." The meeting was adjourned with everyone vowing to be back in the fall.

Auction Items for September Breakfast

Some exciting items will be up for auction at the September Alumni Breakfast. Local artists William and Celeste Habeney of Heritage Scenes have been generous contributors of prints to the Alumni Association and we will be auctioning several of their works.

History and Whimsy

A three-some of the Habeney's detailed architectural drawings celebrate some history familiar to alumni. "St. Joseph's Church" shows the exterior of what has been described as one of the most beautiful churches in the country. "Midnight Mass in New Orleans" depicts the interior of St. Joseph's. Both will recall fond memories of Pinning Ceremony for many Charity alumni.

"Hotel Dieu" shows the old hospital founded in 1852 by the Daughters of Charity that was torn down in 1972 to make way for the more modern building (where the Interim LSU Hospital is now housed). St. Joseph Church and Charity Hospital can be seen in the background.

The Habeneys are also known for the whimsical use of a fleur de lis motif to celebrate a variety of New Orleans themes.

We will also auction two of their prints with the image of Big Charity set within a golden fleur de lis.

Each of these 8" x 10" prints is beautifully matted and ready to frame.

CHSN Cape

We will once again be accepting bids for a beautiful antique CHSN cape. The traditional uniform cape is navy blue wool, lined with red, and embroidered in gold at the collar with the letters CHSN.

Several older graduates, when moving to smaller homes or realizing that the capes hold little meaning for their children, have donated the capes to the Alumni Association. These antique capes are highly prized by later graduates who never owned capes, but who value their symbolic connection to the history of the School of Nursing. And the donors know that the capes will find new homes where they will be treasured by Charity graduates.

Proceeds from the auctions go to support Alumni Association projects. For example, we jump-started our Student Emergency Assistance Fund with money from the auction of a cape and a print at the 2011 Breakfast, and were able to offer emergency help to students right away.

Left: Mitzi Taggart in her CHSN cape in 1958.

From the Executive Director

By Lista Hank '97

Here at the Alumni office, we keep trying new projects, and we often learn new ways of doing things! Starting the website and the Facebook page were two new adventures, and I have to thank the students and recent grads on our Advisory Committee who kept pushing us. We are really excited about the opportunities that these new venues offer. Instead of waiting for the next newsletter, information can go out to our alumni immediately – and we can get feedback too!

If you are not a Facebook member, give it a try. Joining Facebook is free and you don't have to put a lot of your own personal information online to join or to access Facebook pages. Your name, date of birth and email address is all that's required to open a Facebook account. (Once you open your account, click on "About," then on Basic Info, and check the box that says "Don't display my birthdate", to keep that secret!)

Visit the **CharityAlumniNOLA** page, and be sure to click the "Like" button! You can post your own Charity-related photos and news, or send to the Alumni office and we can post them for you. Join in the fun!

Breakfast Reservations on the Website

Another new thing we are trying is offering online payment for the September Breakfast on our website **CharityAlumni.org**. You can pay for your Alumni Breakfast ticket securely with your credit card. You can also renew your membership, order souvenirs and make donations to our various programs.

So go to **CharityAlumni.org** and look for the tab "Order Online." Then order your tickets for the Alumni Breakfast - or simply use the form on **page 19**.

There's going to be a very special announcement at the Breakfast (involving a big check!) So you'll want to be there!

Capes for Sale

Thanks again to the many Charity alumni who have generously donated their capes to the Alumni Association. We auction the capes at our alumni events to raise money for our many programs.

A number of graduates have inquired about simply purchasing the capes outright. The Board has decided to go ahead and offer the **capes for sale at $250 each**. Contact the Alumni office to purchase a cape.

We will still auction the capes at the luncheons and breakfasts, but this allows alumni who might not be able to attend functions to purchase capes.

We also have a Hotel Dieu School of Nursing cape, if anyone is interested.

Address Changes

If you change your address please notify the Alumni office by letter, phone or email. We don't want to lose track of you!

Scrapbook Work Days

Though there may be a role for digital technology in the long term preservation of our Alumni Association photos and documents, the items must first be organized and arranged into a comprehensible chronology. For that, our scrapbooks seem to be the best solution at this point.

Working on the Alumni Scrapbooks is one of those projects that everybody seems to run from! But once you get involved, it can be fascinating to see the flow of history through Charity alumni events and to help arrange that information into a cohesive narrative. We don't go in for a lot of gee-gaws, but we try to make the pages pretty.

We are going to start holding regular **"Scrapbook Meetings"** in order to move forward on the scrapbooks. **Becky McCalla '78** has offered her house as a meeting place so we will be able to work on some weekends.

If you are interested in helping us with scrapbooks, contact the Alumni office by phone or email.

Full Uniform Donated

Speaking of history, **Marguerite Breaux Bryan '58** has donated her complete nursing school uniform, including her cape, cap, dress, belt, pearl buttons and an assortment of beautiful pins. We are working with the CSN librarian, Sharon Robinson, to decide how best to display this very cool time capsule.

Might anyone have shoes from the 50s? How about a full uniform from a different decade?

Alumni Breakfast

The Alumni Breakfast is scheduled for **Saturday, September 22**. It will be at the Royal Palm on Manhattan Blvd on the Westbank. This place is just gorgeous. There are fountains and palm trees and a pond with ducks!

I know our large contingent of Westbank alumni will be delighted to finally enjoy an alumni get-together that is convenient to them! But I hope all of us Eastbank folks will be there at the Breakfast as well. It's time to be brave about crossing the bridge! In the spirit of the courageous wagon trains of yore, let's go west this fall!

There are easy-to-follow directions on page 18, along with the details on the Alumni Breakfast. You can make your reservations by filling out the form on page 19 and mailing a check - or on the website with *Paypal*.

Sorry, we are still not accepting credit card payments by mail or at the door – maybe that will be our wild new brave thing for next year!

See you in September - or see you on Facebook!

Alumni News & Notes

Cheryl Persich '74 met her husband Nick at Charity Hospital. They hope the building will be preserved.

Sonya Guidroz Rodriguez '60: "I was seventeen-years-old when I arrived at CHSN and I was not sure what I was getting into. One thing I ultimately wanted to do was be a Pediatrician but I didn't have the money for college. Someone told me I could become an RN and work my way there. I learned that I could have 3 years of school with room and board, meals, laundry, uniforms, cape, scissors and my first pair of shoes all for $350. I asked my Dad if I could borrow the money to go to nursing school. He said he couldn't feed me for that price so he would be glad to do it. I was on my path to the future. Fifty-one years later I am retired after 43 years of service, mostly in Labor and Delivery. I have 8 children; six of them are in the medical field. Four are Charity or Delgado educated and one teaches at the School of Nursing now. The next generation has one BS-RN and one x-ray tech. More to come, since I have thirty-one grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. My Dad's investment in me has certainly paid off!"

Sonya Guidroz Rodriguez '60

Charlene White Persich '74: "I graduated from CHSN, and I spent the greater part of my career in the hospital's emergency department, specifically in the trauma area. My husband, Nicholas, is a graduate of LSU Medical School, and we met at Charity Hospital. We are just two among the hundreds of professionals in the city that would love to see the restoration of Charity Hospital, even if Charity is never re-utilized as a hospital, or at least we want to see the re-use of any architectural elements of the art deco period contained in the hospital. I hope that a really creative, smart use can be planned for the building. Here is a tremendous opportunity for the City of New Orleans to make a creative, huge statement of which we all can be proud!"

LaVerne Carter Stevenson '44: "Bill and I moved to Odessa, Texas, after he was discharged from the Air Force in 1946. I did private duty nursing in our two small hospitals for 3 years, then went to work for a doctor for 30 years. I've been retired since 1977, and Bill and I traveled extensively in the States and overseas. We had our 67th anniversary in December 2010, and he died in February 2011. I keep busy as a Pink Lady, with Meals-on-Wheels, and with church activities."

Anna Darcey Gnade '46: I am too old to travel to the luncheons but I enjoy the news from the alumni very much. So many memories and so much appreciation for the nuns and teachers I knew. Sister Blanche interviewed me for my entrance to Charity. I was a member of the Nurses Cadet Corps the government sponsored. I wore my cadet uniform with pride, and my nurse's cape. When my father remarried, his new wife got rid of all those things my mother had saved, like my cape and cadet uniform. I do have my nursing school yearbooks which I look at often. I remember that even back then there were Delgado students affiliated with us in certain classes. I never understood why they sat in the back of the classroom and ate in the employee dining room instead of with us. Things were different in the 1940s. I do remember they invited us to Delgado College and served us tea."

Dorothy Louise Newman Hunt '53: Paula Hunt, Dorothy's daughter wrote to us, "I am renewing my mom's membership. She is currently an 84-year-old Alzheimer's patient who still thinks she is an RN working at a hospital. She was born with the soul of a nurse and the spirit of an angel. She always spoke fondly of her days in training at Charity."

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Vickie R. Malbrue '00: "As I think about the goodness of God, my heart is thankful for many things. One is my education and training at Charity School of Nursing. My life was changed forever.

I graduated with the class of December 2000. I still proudly wear my class shirt with the motto: *Ability may get you to the top, but it takes character to keep you there.* I also proudly display the certificate I received at the Pinning Ceremony on the wall of my office, where everyone can read: *Delgado Community College Charity School of Nursing Sister Stanislaus Award for professionalism, character, scholarship, potential for future leadership and community involvement awarded to Vickie Malbrue.* After the ceremony, my dad and daughter (then eighteen-years-old) said to me, 'I knew it was you!'

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, I made the difficult decision to remain in Nashville. My pastor says that life's interruptions can be God's big opportunities. I returned to school for a BSN, and today I am the owner and CEO of a successful home care agency, B There Home Care, Inc. Our mission is to provide care for our nation's most underserved population, the elderly and disabled.

It's been a rewarding six years as an employer, mentor and community activist. Truly I am living the vision of Sister Stanislaus, one that has become my own. Sincere thanks to you all. You have touched my life and I am forever grateful."

Elaine Etheridge Blackford '91 is a Clinical Nurse IV at Duke Raleigh Hospital in Raleigh, NC. She wrote to say she is "New Orleans bound, and very excited to be representing Charity Hospital School of Nursing grads at the National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses convention this May! I will be presenting a poster presentation and a Podium Session, *Streamlining Anticoagulant Education for the Postoperative Orthopaedic Patient.* I am happy to be coming home for this honor!"

Mary Arnold Gardner '61 and her husband Huey celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 26, 2011. Two Charity friends, who had been at their wedding in December 1961, helped the couple celebrate the joyous occasion. **Nova Wiser Ferrara '61** was a bridesmaid in the wedding, and **Mary Singletary '49** hosted a bridal shower (she and Mary Arnold worked together at Charity Hospital).

Above: Mitzi Jacobsen '58, enjoying retirement.

Marian "Mitzi" Taggert Jacobsen '58: "My graduation in 1957 was derailed when I became the sacrificial senior and was sent home for a year about five months before scheduled graduation. This was a yearly event during that period – hopefully no longer. I did return, much to Sister Pauline's surprise, and graduated with the 1958 class. I retired from full-time nursing in 1998 and quit completely in 2007, so I had a long and rewarding career serving in all the specialty units in the hospitals where I was employed."
Marian is living in North Carolina. She sent us some wonderful photos from her school days. You can see them on our Facebook page, posted under "Mitzi's Album."

Below: Huey Gardner, Nova Ferrara '61, Mary Arnold Gardner '61 and Mary Singletary '49 meet again after 50 years to celebrate the Gardners' anniversary.

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Corinne Duplessis '78: "My Dad passed away when I was in 8th grade, and my Mom had a stroke when I was a sophomore in high school. The only income Mom and I had was my Dad's pension. I realize that I must have been helped financially to attend Charity, but I can't remember what group it might have been. If not for them, I would have never been able to afford nursing school, and never would have become a nurse. I have never said thank you to anyone for my training, but now I would like to say a big, beautiful, wonderful thank you for all that they did for me. I know it comes about 34 years late, but this thank you is from the bottom of my heart."

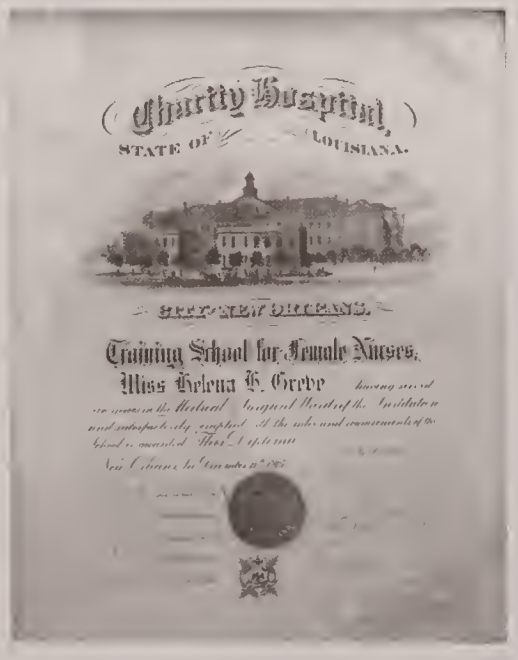
Rebecca Sudduth '04: "I am almost finished earning my MSN in Public Health Nursing Leadership from University of Virginia. I will graduate in August 2012. I work at the ER in Charlottesville, VA."

Melba June Adams Sampson '49 turned 83 in December and wrote to say she is doing well. "I appreciate and enjoy the newsletter."

Adopt a Diploma

The School of Nursing has four gorgeous diplomas from the late 1800s and early 1900s. They are priceless historic documents, but are badly in need of restoration.

The Alumni Association established the **Arts & Archives Fund** in order to raise money to restore and preserve the many wonderful documents, photos and works of art that belong to the School of Nursing.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Miss Helena F. Greve

You can make a donation to the **Art & Archives Fund** (see page 19), and that will be a tremendous help to this enormous project. Alternatively, we are hoping to find alumni interested in "adopting" specific historic items, such as one of these diplomas.

One graduate (who wishes to remain anonymous) "adopted" two damaged Drysdale watercolors. They have been beautifully restored and now hang in the library.

We think it will take approximately $500 for restoration and archival framing for each diploma. If you adopt a diploma, your name will go on a brass plaque on the frame to say that you made the restoration and preservation possible. You will receive a photo of the restored diploma to enjoy at home, and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that Charity students for generations to come will still be able to see this precious piece of history.

The diplomas are from 1895 (Lillian Bullard), 1899 (Anne Bullard), 1903 (Barbara Frank), and 1907 (Helena Greve). If you think you might want to adopt a diploma, or any of the archival items, please contact the Alumni office.

Scholarships to Honor Josephine Dickson '37

Josephine Badeaux Dickson '37, died at home on December 5, 2011 at the age of 98. Shortly before her death, Josephine's daughter sent the Alumni Association a check for $1,000 and a letter.

> I am writing this note to inform you that one of your alumnae, Josephine Badeaux Dickson, is nearing death. It is not easy news to share; I know it isn't pleasant news to hear.
>
> My mother so loved CHSN. I always loved hearing her stories of her experiences at Charity. She would have loved to attend another reunion, but with her advancing age it was not possible.
>
> Please accept this gift. Apply it to fostering compassionate nursing care - something that is missing in many hospitals today.
>
> Continued success to you and Charity. And thank you for what your program gave my mother.
>
> Sincerely,
> V.J. Dickson, RN, MSN, PhD

We cannot express how touched we were that V.J. chose to send such a generous gift in the midst of her grief. It is surely a testament to the care and compassion that so characterized her mom that V.J.'s thoughts would turn to helping others at such a sad time.

In honor of Josephine's memory, the Board of Directors chose to use the donation to fund a $500 **Josephine Badeaux Dickson Scholarship** in the fall of 2012 and again in the spring of 2013. The scholarship will be awarded to the student who most exemplifies compassionate nursing care.

Josephine Dickson was a nurse anesthetist as well as an active volunteer in her community of Alton, Illinois. An accomplished golfer, she also loved gardening and her gardens earned citations of honor by Pride Incorporated. Her family and home were the love of her life.

Josephine will be sorely missed by her old classmates and her many friends at Charity. This gift means that she will continue to touch lives at Charity.

Charity School of Nursing Report

By Cheryl Myers, PhD, RN
Executive Dean CSN Campus/Dean of Nursing

The students, faculty and staff of Charity School of Nursing continue to work hard and are reaping the rewards of those efforts.

Charity Professor of Nursing **Patricia Smart** was recently honored as the Louisiana Educator of the Year by the Louisiana State Nurses Association at their annual LSNA Nightingale Awards ceremony. Pat was honored for her positive effect on students, excellence in the classroom and in clinical practice, as well as her participation in various professional organizations. Pat has taught at CSN since 1992 and holds certified nurse educator status from the National League for Nursing.

CSN student **Brian Fazekas** received a highly competitive scholarship from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Fazekas is one of about 350 recipients selected from more than 11,000 applicants from around the country. In exchange for at least two years of service at a healthcare facility with a critical shortage of nurses, the scholarship pays tuition, fees, other educational expenses and a monthly stipend.

Monique Vappie-Spann, a second-semester student in the nursing program, was selected as the recipient of the Jo Ellen Smith Memorial Scholarship by the Friends of Jo Ellen Smith. Jo Ellen Smith was a nursing student who was killed in 1973 during a home health visit for a clinical rotation. The scholarship recognizes involvement in community service extracurricular activities. The award covers tuition and fees for a year.

Graduation Honors

At the Pinning Ceremony on May 17, the Charity School of Nursing **Honor Pin**, the highest award that the nursing faculty gives, was presented to **Bryan Camus**. Bryan also received the New Orleans District Nurses Association (NODNA) Leadership Award.

Melissa Roberson was recognized for the highest grade-point average in the nursing program. Other honorees included: **Patrick Lampard**, the Sister Stanislaus Malone Award; **Kevin Lombardo**, the Margaret Palmisano Alumni Award; **Pablo Mendez**, the Sister Blanche McDonnell Alumni Award; and **Candace Delmore-Hammond**, **Christy Hinojosa**, **Melissa Roberson**, **Luke Troullier** and **Jennifer Workman-Yasko**, the Theresa Bittenbring and John Henry Marque Fund Student Nurse Award.

Partnership with Tulane

The School of Nursing has formed a partnership with Tulane University School of Medicine that enables CSN nursing students to participate in fellowships at community health centers operated by Tulane. Three students, **Bryan Camus**, **Joanna Niyazov** and **Shannon Roberts**, have been awarded Tulane Brinton Nursing fellowships through this partnership. The fellowships pay the students a stipend while working in the community clinics to learn more about community health. Tulane's Health Centers provide primary care to low-income members of the community and hands-on experience for physicians, nurses and others who are training to work in healthcare careers.

New Curriculum

The faculty has developed a new curriculum which was approved by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing and will be implemented beginning in Fall 2012.

We have also formalized articulation agreements with William Carey University, Our Lady of the Lake College and Northwestern State University for graduates to seamlessly transition into bachelor degree programs. We look forward to continuing this effort to facilitate further education for those who wish to pursue it.

Finally, wishing all of you a restful, relaxing summer. Thank you for your continued support of our students and our program.

CSN Faculty and Students Honored among Associate Degree Programs

Patricia Smart, Professor of Nursing at CSN, was voted president-elect of the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing. NOADN is the leading advocate for associate degree nursing in the country. Pat is the second president-elect from Delgado; Donita Qualey served as president-elect, then president, from 2006 to 2009. This is the first time that two people from the same college have been selected to serve as president of NOADN.

CSN Professor **Barbara Hebert** was awarded National Educator of the Year for 2012 by NOADN.

On the state level, LOADN, the Louisiana Organization for Associate Degree Nursing, named CSN faculty member **Lynn Lowery** as Louisiana Educator of the Year for 2012. The criteria for the Educators include utilization of innovative teaching strategies, motivation of students, functioning as a role model, and being actively involved in college, professional and community activities.

CSN student **Bryan Camus** was recognized as the LOADN Student of the Year for 2012. Bryan was chosen for academic achievement, demonstration of leadership among students, and displaying a high degree of caring and professional spirit.

Members of Note

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Gloria Redmond Ashman '48
Dorothy Truman Bassett '48
Sherrill Hooper Millard '50
Rowena Smith Christensen '51
Celina Machin Haynie '51
Hazel MacKillican Wilson '52
Marijean Martin Pruett '54
Rita Jo Neary Ellsworth '55
Joan Anderson Blankinship '56
Mary McBride '57
Esther Ogea Doucet '60
Joan Arceneaux Levasseur '60
Frances Petho Aponte '61
Joan Bero '63
Janette Foy Brown '64
Geraldine Bourgeois Daigle '64
Judith Wellman Quigley '64
Linda Sue Grimme Fontenot '65
Beverly Poche Chapoton'67
Karen Moulliet '67
Peggy Portie Parigi '67
Betty Schweitzer Toups '67
Dr. Marelle Yongue '67
Louanna Cardinale Whiddon '67
Charlotte Arras '71
Marian Foret Offner '71
Jo Ann Rizzutto '71
Dorothy Paxson Barker '72
Pat Lindsey Mancuso '72
Rosalie Parenton Vincent '72
Rose-Mary Alexander White '72
Dennis and Lynel Pinkozie '73
Charlene White Persich '74
Vicky Kent '75
Bryanne Murray Hamill '76
Lane E. McAlister Pierce '76
Marilyn Nola Hammett '78
Joycelyn Jeansonne '78
Sandra Tracy Bailey '79
William Borne '79
Karen DelValle Tampira '79
Claudette Boudreaux '80
Cydney Trahans Begnaud '81
Elizabeth Kelly Carlini '82
Renee Rago Schuller '83
Elaine Riecke Bergeron '86
Gina West Ragland '86
Kevin Besse '91
Michael Harrison '92
Betty Trosclair Loumiet '92
Craig A. Cedotal '94
Mitzi Ridgdell Arnold '93
Margaret Johnson Jackson '96
Brenda Shields Simmons '96
Lista Hank '97
Cynthia Fernandez '10

BLUE RIBBON 2012

Mary L. Regus '43
Miriam Anglada Crowley '46
Anna Darcey Gnade '46
Melba "June" Sampson '46
Denise Begin Gaddy '47
Lorraine LeBarre Horton '47
Margaret Oalmann Palmisano '49
Patricia Danks D'Aloise '50
Sheila Fredricks Bayer '53
Rubie Monroe Harris '53
Dorothy Newman Hunt '53
Barbara C. Walters '53
Norma Domangue Colligan '56
Rosalind Goodbread Baldwin '57
Soledad Pedreira Cheramie '57
Nancy Mynihan Comish '57
Claire Sonnier Robichaux '57
Monette Moreau Enright '58
Marian Taggart Jacobsen '58
Anna Martino Meinert '59
Sandra Johnson Feagler '60
Virginia Cage Shemwell '60
Tommielu Lambeth Sparks '60
Rosemary Hathorn Holmes '62
Barbara Ellison Wasano '62
Phyllis Bourgeois Beeching '63
Camella Patti Christensen '63
Marilee Keating Phillips '64
Linda Aucoin Hutchinson '65
Yvonne Ellendar Hawthorne '66
Carol Denson Walls '66
Bethany Simon Arnau '67
Susan Theriot Gosnell '67
Cynthia Mouret Schexnayder '67
Jacqueline Henry Terrell '67
Dianne Perdue Weber '67
Brenda Crump Trosclair '68
Earline Chauvin Watson '68
Mary Landry Bocz '69
Ellarea Kerley Farwell '69
Francine Taaffe Dyer '70
Faye Leathem Flaherty '70
Christine Hurley Carbon '71
Katherine Manuel Landreneau '71
Patricia Thomas LaFleur Lewis '71
Sarah Percy LeBlanc '71
Fabian Thibodeaux Whitney '71
Rosemary Lamia Hemelt '72
Madeline Cerniglia Totten '72
Cynthia Bourgeois Wagley '72
Myra Diaz Cheramie '73
LaVerne Birdsall McCormick '73
Jacqueline Porth Owen '73
Diane Tingle Cormack '74
Barbara R. LeFlore '74
Sharon Keller Louque '75
Lynn Battaglia O'Niell '75
Jeannette Milligan Saal '75
Beth Wininger Pesses '76
Helen Roubion '76
Judy Lynn McMurray Goodman '78
Mary Walker Luce '78
Cathryn P. Smith '78
Deborah Sherwood Hextall '79
DeeAnne Posseno Jewell '79
Kirk Paul LeVasseur '79
Robert J. Martinez '79
Ann Guillory Dieck '80
Rebecca Kostman Velez '80
John Bertucci '81
Nancy Capponi '81
Shirley M. Carmouche '81
George G. Martinez '82
Betty Jo Mitchell '83
Donna Dauterive Neal '83
Mary Sue Sargo '85
Mary Ellen Kothmann '88
Leslie Eckert Ricalde '88
Lourdas Marie Joseph '90
Deena Dodge Rabalais '90
Frances Loeske '92
Jennifer DeRoche Loupe '92
Lisa Britsch Isabelle '94
Sheila Simoneaux Laviolette '94
Judy Perkins Rawinsky '95
Erin Blaum '96
Lauren M. Terrio '96
Linda Gaddy Bryant '97
Regina G. Danner '97
Roxanne M. LeBlanc '97
Susan McWalters Rowell '98
Karen Bulanowski Cook '01
Samantha Santiago '04
Beverly Rainey '05
Anne Baudier '08
Mary Castille-Abadie '10

SILVER STAR 2012

Dorothy Sumrall Livingston '50
Dolores Marsh Alford '51
Joyce Bonaventure Leissner '57
Cecile Ginger Andry '58
Joyce Allen Urode '60
Cecile Vining Even '62
Constance Kennedy Proctor '65
Patti Rouchon Burcham '70
Linda Boudreaux Guedry '70
Lucille LeBlanc O'Regan '70
Joan Cousins Damon-Simon '71
Kathy Rolston '71
Diane Craft Angelico '72
Mary C. Hains '72
Toni Tilton '72
Louise Schwartzberg Harrell '73
Stephanie Laws '73
Mona Hohensee Dupleix '74
Donna Blanchard Landry '75
Janice Breaux Samson '75
Elaine Schexnayder Launey '76
Kimberley Hoppe Keim '78
Paula Kensler '79
Melissa Manuel Deshotels '81
Dina Taormina Behrens '85
Veronica Theriot '85

SISTER STANISLAUS 2012

Martha Milligan Larsen '42
Grace Spedale Ladd '46
Lorraine Landry Shaheen '50
Shirley Joanne Philbrook Newton '56
Patricia Greenan '57
Joan Arceneaux Levasseur '60
Patsy Cormier Hammett '63
Patty Lyons Finan '67
Patricia Carreras Pankey '69
Camille Bourgeois Whittaker '70
Sharon Megahee Graffeo Lowrey '72
Gale Taylor Rannals '79
Karen Rush '80
Nancy Coleman Coffey '85
Renee Bridget Guidry '87
Vickie Richardson Malbrue '00

Received after White Cap 2011

BLUE RIBBON 2011

Mary Katherine Brune Mollere '52
Barbara Elkins Banister '54
Joy Hill '54
Kathleen Lee Taylor '57
Monette Moreau Enright '58
Doris Cross Bennett '60
Elizabeth Germain Guillot '60
Elva Keller Kimbrough '60
Beryl Ann Forgey Olhasso '60
Rosemary Hathorn Holmes '62
Camella Patti Christensen '63
Lynne Gordon Cook '63
Madeleine Moreau Crawford '63
Brenda Rabren Putman '63
Penny Kistler Tolchin '63
Kathryn Kirking Schmuelgen '64
Constance Kennedy Proctor '65
Ann Tomsu Zielinski '65
Joyce J. Champagne '66
Linda Kay Fontenot Joiner '66
Susan Theriot Gosnell '67
Paulette Gallant Gravois '67
Mary Ellen Potier Hebert '67
Anne Gaubert LaRose '67
Carolyn Desselle Righter '67
F. Dianne Perdue Weber '67
Pat Murphy Solomon '68
Katherine Manuel Landreneau '71
Patricia Thomas LaFleur Lewis '71
Fabian Thibodeaux Whitney '71
Sandra Peterson Touchet '72
Marion Sams Johnson '76
Patricia Joan Lane '79
Kirk Paul LeVasseur '79
Marte Wohltmann '79
Michelle Bily Cousans '81
Kaye Smith Kingsbery '81
Mary Sue Sargo '85
Renee Picheloup '87
Raulynne Daire '88
Deena Dodge Rabalais '90
Mary Kelly '91
Kim Keith Chatman '92
Kathleen Hyzy '92
Angelique Hagmann '94
Erin Blaum '96
Lauren M. Terrio '96
Samantha Santiago '04
Gabriela Powell '06
Savana Thomas '06
Geraldine Hopper '08
Leslie Johns '08

SISTER STANISLAUS 2011

Carl Blumberg '77
Patsy Cormier Hammett '63
Betty C. Putman '54

SILVER STAR 2011

Dolores Marsh Alford '51
Melissa Fish Conway '52
Patti Rouchon Burcham '70
Gayle Fertitta '70
Bonnie Hensley Mowe '70
Evelyn Trenary Wirstrom '79
Anne M. Silverstein '98

CSN Students Learn about Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse

By Barbara Zeugner, MS, RN
Assistant Professor, Nursing

Charity students and faculty gathered this past March at the School of Nursing to participate in a program entitled: *Darkness to Light Training: Become a Steward of Children*. This national sexual abuse prevention program educates adults to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse by providing them with the tools to do so. We learned that protecting children from abuse is a choice that involves claiming our personal power to take action, even when we don't know the outcome. Each of us has a responsibility to get involved, and to talk about the issue so that the cycle of silence can be broken.

My two clinical groups were so impacted by this three-hour, interactive program that they wanted to learn more about the resources in the community. All we had to do is walk across the street from our clinical facility at DePaul to the pinwheel-decorated facility where Josh Longo, the facilitator of the Darkness to Light program, works tirelessly to advocate for children. The New Orleans Children's Advocacy Center (NOCAC) and the Audrey Hepburn CARE Center are located on the Children's Hospital Calhoun Campus and house a bevy of clinicians and staff who do their part to address the many needs of children who have been victimized.

We all left with a pinwheel to remind us that we must become part of the solution to eradicate child sexual abuse by courageously advocating, educating and accessing community resources.

New CASN Board

The Charity Association of Student Nurses, CASN, announced its new Board for 2012-2013: President is Misti Savoie; Vice-President, Julie Edwards; Secretary, Emily Joyce-Brandt; Treasurer, Maggie Carter; Community Service Director, Amber Stokes; Breakthrough to Nursing Director, Fred Vairin; Historian, Kaitlyn Greetham; Media Coordinator, Jennifer Wesch; Guest Speaker Coordinator, Shari Duley; Consultants, Nina Dean, Amy LeBlanc and Cathy Parker.

Above right: CSN students visiting the New Orleans Children's Advocacy Center to learn about preventing sexual abuse of children hold symbolic pinwheels.

CSN Faculty are Strong Supporters of CHSNAA

The faculty of the School of Nursing are always ardent supporters of the CHSN Alumni Association, and sometimes they surprise us with unexpected generosity.

At the end of this Spring semester, the NAC-I Faculty (Nursing of the Adult Client), took up a collection to make a gift to the Alumni Association. The faculty who participated were **Beth Pesses**, NAC-I Coordinator, **Roberta Bartee**, **Glenda Butler**, **Maria Campbell**, **Billy Carlisle**, **Beatrice Eweni**, **Leigh Hanhardt**, **Pam Kemp**, **Susan Schaff**, **Patricia Smart**, and **Tracy Stokes**.

The funds will go to the Arts & Archives Fund to help restore and preserve the artwork, old photos and archival documents that are an important part of the school's historical record.

Beth Pesses '76 one of the many Charity grads who have returned to teach at the school, often makes donations to the Alumni Association when there is a death in the family of a friend or colleague. She recently gave donations to memorialize relatives of faculty members **Mary Trosclair '73** and **Maria Campbell**. Her gifts were designated for our Student Emergency Assistance Fund. It is such an honor for us that she would chose the Alumni Association to show her sympathy.

The faculty and staff already give so much every day to the school, and are often called upon to assist with Alumni activities as well. It is truly gratifying to know how much they believe in our efforts and want to help us in our mission. We truly appreciate their support.

Can You Help Find These Lost Alumni?

It's reunion year for the following classes, but some graduates have not kept us informed of their address changes. If you can help locate these "lost alumni," or if you want to plan a reunion for your class, contact the Alumni office.

Fifty Years

1962

Barbara Bucko Benoya
M. Bonnie Landreneau Campbell
Suellen Jordan Carter
Patricia Dumoulin
Pamela Guillot Fisher
Linda Burnette Hanson
Joann Dalton Lierman
Evelyn Mayer Lugert
Rachel Herring Maiellaro
Pauline Rosetti Meaut
Brenda Perrin Milek
Lula Plauche
Virginia Kleefkens Rankin
Diane Richard Williamson
Diana Marshall Wren

Forty Years

1972

Annette White Angerson
Patrice Polito Bruno
Maureen Bulliung
Karlene Burgoon
Trudy Lirette Castagna
Linda Cherry
Deborah Bacon Covington
Linda Lemmons Genthe
Deborah Franchebois Johnson
Agatha Authement King
Mary Sonnier Kistler
Cherry Thomas Pfau
V. Kay Guillory Pittman
Judith Swanson Scott
Mary Lewis Simmons
Virginia Smith
Barbara Melancon Stafford
Sharyn Burke Sullivan
Patricia Rieder Susen
Ida Swafford
Kathleen Palmisano Thompson
Linda Sibley Ward
Andrea Stuckart Welb
Dorothy Fannin Wilson

Thirty Years

1982

Joni Alexis
Cynthis Kircus Bass
Charlene Walters Darling
Lorraine Lacoste DeAngelis
Elizabeth Duggan
Donna Carney Fitzgerald
Micheele Weber Florence
Aline Fritz
Shelly Lewis Gelis
Melody Halm
Gwendolyn Cuyon Hardin
Tanja Barras Hegland
Lisa Dickerson James
Denise Washington Jolly
Pamela Mullins Kyame
Mary Dell Levingston
Kevin Maher
Laura Bolden Miller
Earmastine Brock Nelson
Natalie Ottoway Rewers
Sheree Woodward Rice
Richard Satter
Linda Schexnaydre
Kim Casso Servay
Victoreen Sylve

Twenty-five Years

1987

Carol Lopresto Angelo
Roslyn Matthews Arnaud
Catherine Badeaux
Michael Bailey
Carolyn Beck
Blanche Baker Bernadas
Cassandra Scott Borne
Victoria Gigliotta Cangemi
Kimberly Bergeron Cook
Barbara Daschner
Jada Davis
Elizabeth Fradella Dorman
Donna Dowell
Lorie Sciara Duval
Alethia Freeman Gauthier
Julie Buck Gladson
Leonard Griffin
Renee Burch Guenther
Jemaine Abila Halvorson
Pearlie Dean Harris
Veronica Broussard Hookfin
Paula Raspino Hux
Nicole Fremaux Keehn
Deborah Lowe Kendrick
Melody St Amand Lea
Cynthia White Minor
Gina Mistretta
Dionne Frank Park
Tia Paul
Judy Petitfils
Rosemary Phillips
Karen Ressler
Leslie Meyers Roppolo
Judy Collins Rosa
Janet Balentine Rudd
Tracy Call Scallan
Patricia Phillips Slack
Aurora Miceli Smith
Donna Ross Stewart
Cynthia Vath Valentine
Christine Comeaux Voiselle
Jennifer Roberts Walsh
Deborah Calcagno Wolfe
Marsha Crowe Wyatt

Fifteen Years

1997

Diane Crist Aldridge
Anthony Amedeo
Stacey Martinez Bailie
Christine Hebert Bertucci
Deborah Bibbins
Amanda Mossman Bonnette
Carol Richoux Borne
Suzanne Sinclair Carpenter
Denise Guidry Charters
Giselle Cheramie
Paula Derbes
Cal Domingue
Lori Driggs
Cynthia Pendergras Dufour
Kent Fairchild
Brenda Sue Fernandez
Karen Farnsworth Franklin
Angela Fruge Gautreaux
Kimberly Kidder Gettys
Denise Case Gilbert
Schilacy Hall
Jonathan Hamm
Evelyn Harris
Janis Hornsby
Wendy Hubbell
Krisden Wells Huggett
Michelle Barbier Jiron
Brenda Johnson
Clatrence Jones
Roseann Key
Catherine Carter Klotz
Lisa Munster Krake
Tammie Parker Lala
Danneel Miller Larkin
Barbara Ledoux
Stacey Lofton-White
Florence Logrande
Brian Mahl
Kelley Murray Mandella
Michelle Matthews
Michele Jennings Mayeux
Renee Morris
Sherrie Mullet
Jennifer Sumlin Musacchia
Robin Bryant Palermo
Becky Brown Porter
Mark Provenzano
Lydia Quirk
Leona Reed
Todd Robinson
Lisa Duskin Rohilliard
Nicole Hawco Roux
Karen Cross Salter
Priscilla Wilson Shannahan
Kellie Carter Simpson
Wanda Sue Singletary
Karen Spencer
Martha Swift
Tamla Thomas-Pierre
Bernadine Campo Toler
Bobbie Voelker
Marion Gullage Walls
Gina Romano Ward
Tereska Bridges Washington
Barbara Warren
Garfield Whittle
Erin Justison Wieber
Paulette Williams

My Memories of Sister Blanche

By Doris Burvant '60

Sister Blanche McDonnell died on March 1, 2012, at the age of 93. She was the Director of Charity Hospital School of Nursing from 1963 to 1980. She was a visionary, an agent of change, and an extraordinary human being. She was also a dear friend to so many at Charity.

In her years as director Sister Blanche accomplished incredible things. It was during a time that changes really needed to be made and she did so with grace, conviction and great leadership.

Sister Blanche was the person responsible for seeking and receiving grant money in order to build the new Educational Building in the 1970s. The old educational building had been condemned and was inadequate for Sister Blanche's vision of what the School of Nursing could be. This is the building that is used today and called Charity School of Nursing.

Sister Blanche was a progressive leader who integrated the school. In fact, she was the first advisor to the Black Student Organization. She made sure that all applicants were accepted based on their qualifications. Under her direction, CHSN began accepting men in nursing and the rules were changed regarding married students.

I remember the discussion in the faculty meeting about students wearing engagement rings while in the clinical area. Up to that point the rule had been that a student could only wear her engagement ring on a chain around her neck and hidden inside her top. Sister Blanche announced that there were more bacteria under fingernails than in any ring. From then on, students could wear their rings. Sister Blanche even allowed one class to graduate in pantsuits!

There used to be a regulation requiring that female students have an escort to go to a bar. The students, of course, would often sneak over to Joe's Bar, always in fear that "Daddy Lionel" would be checking up on them. I was never really sure that he did, but we all worried! I remember the day that Sister agreed to end the rule. She told me to go to Joe and tell him the news. For years after that, every Christmas, Sister and I would receive a rack of liqueurs from Joe.

Sister Blanche appreciated early the importance of multi-media in education. She hired Rick Crouse for the Media Center which was the beginning of the video and digital offerings the students benefit from today.

I know that some of you disagreed with Sister Blanche's stand regarding fighting the takeover by LSU in the 70s. There is so much more to this story. Her feelings at that time were that the motivation was not a genuine desire to combine the two schools, but that LSU needed a building. If that takeover had happened, we would have become a part of LSU Nursing and we would not have continued to graduate hundreds of Charity nursing students over the years.

Sister Blanche was not only a great director, but a friend and advocate for the students and the faculty. If you went to her with a problem, she became involved without the whole world knowing, and she would find a way to help.

I can remember on one Sunday night receiving a telephone call from Sister telling me that an unmarried student had a baby on Thursday. She told me that the student would be back in class on Tuesday sitting on a cushioned ring, and I was to make up a reason if someone asked why. That student finished nursing school.

On another occasion I received a call from Sister at two in the morning regarding a student who was in trouble in the French Quarter. Sister wanted me to ride with the policeman to pick up the student in case the girl needed emergency care. Sister also wanted the student to be in her office first thing the next morning. That student finished nursing school, too.

I also remember the time Carol Waguespack and I received a call from Sister to go see a recent graduate that she had been counseling. Sister warned us that the young woman was deeply depressed. We were told to take her to her psychiatrist, and we did. Some time later the woman ended up committing suicide. I remember how Sister Blanche cried when the girl's father came to thank her for all that she had done for his daughter.

I told a few other stories about Sister at the luncheon when I announced her death. There are so many stories that I could tell about how she helped students and faculty if she was given the opportunity. But don't be mistaken - she also had to be a disciplinarian and a boss.

When it was time for her to leave Charity, Sister Blanche groomed Sally Cooper to take her place. She made sure that the school was going to continue with a director who shared the same philosophy and love of the school.

I loved this lady dearly. I feel that I am a better person for knowing her. I know I will miss her. Sister Blanche was one of a kind.

Goodbyes and Remembrances

Zulema Flores Smith '59 overcame grinding poverty to become a nurse, serve in the Peace Corps, spend her career in public health and human service agencies, and volunteer in numerous organizations to serve her community. Zulema had battled an autoimmune disease for several years, and died February 3, 2011, at 73, in Colorado.

Zulema had worked with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment as a nurse consultant educating communities on public health issues until late in 2010. Much of her work was focused on ethnic health disparities. The State of Colorado honored Zulema's memory by establishing the annual Zulema Flores Smith Health Equity Award to recognize the individual or group that best exemplifies her dedication to community service, her contribution to public health, her dedication to work on health disparities, and her commitment to social justice. The governor of Colorado proclaimed June 2, 2011, to be "Zulema Flores Smith Day" in her honor.

Zulema's husband Merle sent us this information along with this note: "I'm getting this information to you a bit later than I had intended. However, its tardiness is not at all reflective of the importance of the time Zulema spent at Charity acquiring the skills that would sustain her for the rest of her life. She wore her credentials from Charity as a badge of honor and, as it turned out, she reciprocated by becoming a credit to the same.

I present this information to you not because she would have wanted you to know, but because I want you to know. It was an honor to spend 43 years with this exceptional human being."

Mattilou Sexton Catchpole '48

At age 78, Mattilou Catchpote received the 2002 Kayaker of the Year award from the Missouri Whitewater Association. Physical fitness, a love of nature and a good adrenalin rush were central to her full life.

Mattilou Sexton Catchpole, PhD, CRNA, Professor Emerita at the University of Illinois, Springfield, died March 24, 2012, at age 88, from Alzheimer's disease.

Mattilou entered college at age 16 and enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1945. She served as a medical technician stateside, administering to wounded soldiers.

After the war, she entered CHSN, graduating in 1948. She continued her studies in Ohio, and became a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

She worked part-time as a CRNA while raising three children, and earning a BA in Chemistry and Biology, and a Master's Degree in Biology. She then taught chemistry and physics of anesthesia at the Cleveland Clinic, and became active with the Sierra Club.

When her children were grown, she completed her PhD in Health Education in 1983 and became Director of the Nurse Anesthesia Program and Nurse Anesthesia Completion Program at Sangamon State University in Illinois. She later joined the Women's Studies Program and published over fourteen articles.

She was President of the Illinois Association of Nurse Anesthetists (IANA) from 1983-84 and Director of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) from 1985-87. When the AANA adopted a requirement that nurse anesthetists who had been out of practice for a number of years must be recertified with an exam, Dr. Catchpole began the Nurse Anesthesia Refresher Program (NARP), the first program of its kind in the country.

In 1990, Dr. Catchpole volunteered to go to Costa Rica to evaluate clinical anesthesia practices there. This inspired her to work to improve the quality of medical care overseas and led to her work with Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO). HVO became her volunteer passion for ten years. She took near-annual trips overseas as Co-Director of the HVO Anesthesia programs in Kampala, Uganda and Asmara, Eritrea, and as Director of the HVO Anesthesia program in Georgetown, Guyana.

Dr. Catchpole volunteered for many organizations, and she was much honored, receiving numerous awards for her hard work and dedication. In 1995, she attended the Fourth International United Nation's Meeting on Women, representing the University of Illinois, Springfield (UIS). She was the first recipient of the Naomi B. Lynn Award for Outstanding Contribution to Women at UIS in 1997.

In 2006, at age 82, Dr. Catchpole was one of 18 recipients of the President's Call to Service Awards for over 5,000 service hours with Health Volunteers Overseas.

Dr. Catchpole will be missed by the many people her life touched - students, colleagues, friends and family. No more will the sight of a gray car with a kayak on top announce her presence.

Sister Catherine Chernick, CHSN faculty

From Patrick Brady '83: "I just read in the Clarion Herald that Sister Catherine Chernick died at age 97. Sister Catherine was my Mental Health instructor.

I remember when we went to the VA for our rotation and there was a client who was giving Sister a hard time. He was about 6 feet tall and 300 lbs. The next thing I know, Sister had him on the ground with his arm behind him and her knee in his back! I will never forget that. Sister Catherine loved Suda Salvage on Jefferson Highway - she said that is where they would get the coffee for the faculty and the house where she lived."

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In Memoriam

Sister Blanche McDonnell (3/1/12)
Elizabeth Smith Patin '35 (2006)
Josephine Badeaux Dickson '37 (12/5/11)
Mildred Bertrand Lally '41 (12/24/11)
Audrey Guillory David '42 (2/4/12)
Olga Rossie Hassenboehler '42 (12/24/11)
Audrae A. Quintini '42 (5/06)
Selma Cortez Baltazor '45 (5/02/12)
Janice Guidry Vedros '45 (1/13/12)
Aline Hymel Rogers '46 (1/9/12)
Mattilou Sexton Catchpole '48 (3/24/12)
Mary B. Tullier '48 (2/4/12)
Therese Ray McGraw '49 (1/15/12)
Mary Littell Waldrop '49 (5/9/12)
Elizabeth Woodward Bertinot '50 (8/9/10)
Fern Marie Weidner Webb '50 (4/6/12)
Frances Costanza Fox '51 (12/21/11)
Sophia Adam Aleman Lopez '51 (11/4/11)
Mary L. Maddox McQueen '51 (8/15/03)
Carolyn Knobloch Lorio '53 (6/2/11)
Audrey Morse Robinson '53 (5/1999)
Victoria Johnson Hertel '54 (8/19/2011)
Jeanette Delores Filipich Kuluz '54 (10/15/11)
Louise Rue Stenberg '55 (2/27/12)
Zulema Flores Smith '59 (2/3/11)
Merle LeBlanc Schouest '61 (8/10/2011)
Susan McNutt Chacon '63 (1/25/12)
Susan Megna Schwehm '67 (1/22/12)
Audrey Kirn Fain '68 (3/8/12)
Susan Sommers Aultman '69 (12/2008)
Lashandra Jackson Steib '92 (1/26/12)
Dell Levi Williams '92 (2/23/12)
Joyce Ann Daniels Baham '94 (12/25/11)
Janice Dillon Schubert '95 (5/8/09)
Charlene Ryan Baldassaro '98 (11/13/11)
Suzanne Kennedy '01 (9/12/11)
William Lional "Billy" Geter '02 (6/2/11)
Erna Amann Theriot (2/25/12)

Goodbyes

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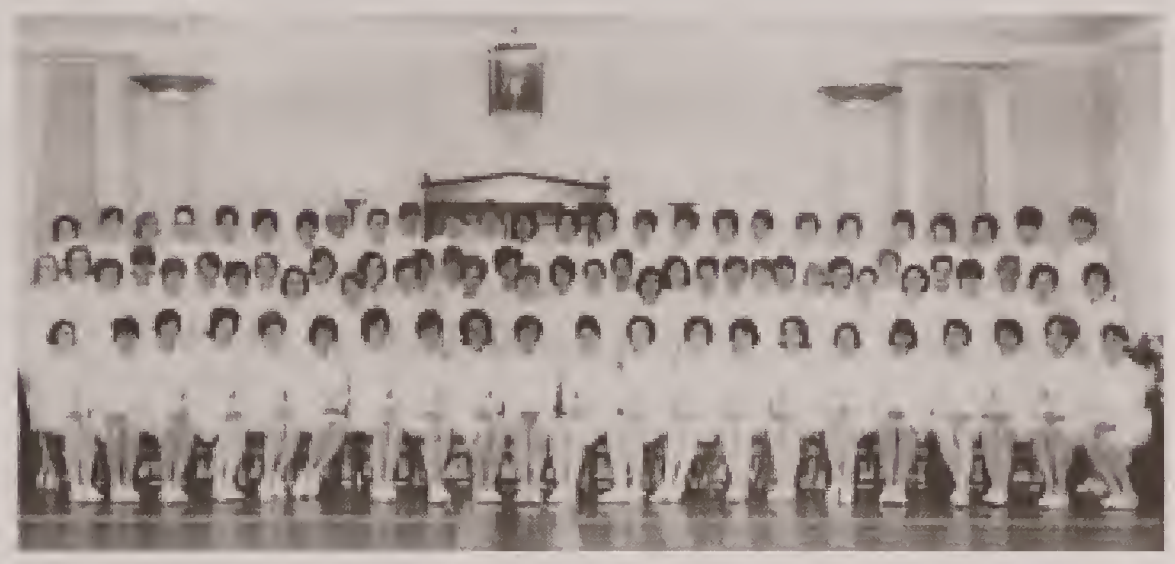
Audrey Kirn Fain '68, died on March 8, 2012. Her husband, Eston Fain, wrote to thank everyone for their condolences. Though they lived in Birmingham and held a service for her friends in Birmingham, Eston brought Audrey home for burial in New Orleans. The mass service was held at St. Dominic's Church in Lakeview where Audrey attended both church and school as a child before going on to Ursulines. Eston says, "I lived three houses away from her on Louis XIV Street in Lakeview, but we did not meet until she was in nursing school and I was a senior at LSUNO. We married at St. Dominic's 43 years ago and then moved to many places across the nation as my career took us to New Jersey, Orlando, Milwaukee, Denver, Omaha, and Minneapolis. Fifteen years ago we moved to Birmingham to settle. Audrey will be missed more than can be described. God bless everyone for your prayers and thoughts. She was a wonderful woman."



A member of the Class of '66 sent us her class photo in order to replace the badly faded one at the school.

Missing Class Photos

Alumni love to check out their class photos when they visit the school. There are class photos from the 1800s to the present lining the first floor hallway in the Education Building. However, there are a few classes that are not represented on the photo wall. Typically, the individual class hires a photographer to do the photo shoot, then a copy is presented to the school to hang. So the school does not have any way to track down any missing photos.

Below is a list of missing photos starting from 1940. If you have one of these class photos, you can either donate it to the school, or we will have it copied then return the original to you.

The missing class photos are: 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1963, 1972, 1973, 1974, May 1978, Dec 1976, Dec 1977, Dec 1990, May 2009.

In addition, the May 1990 is photo is badly faded and could do with a replacement. A member of the Class of 1966 recently sent us her class photo for us to copy in order to replace the badly faded one hanging at the school. Another alumni lent us a copy of the 1926 class photo that had belonged to her aunt to copy. It will need some restoration work, but we are glad to have the historic photo.

If you have one of these missing photos, please contact the Alumni office.

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CHSNAA 2012 Calendar of Events

Tuesday, July 24
Board Meeting 4:00 PM
School of Nursing, 6th floor Faculty Lounge

September 14
Deadline for Reservations
for Alumni Breakfast

September 22
Alumni Breakfast
Royal Palm, 1901 Manhattan Blvd
Registration opens at 9:30am,
Breakfast served at 10:30am

Tuesday, October 9
Board Meeting 4:00 PM
School of Nursing, 6th floor Faculty Lounge

Tuesday, October 9
Deadline for Nominations
Open positions: President-Elect, Treasurer, two Board Positions, Nominating Committee Chair

Tuesday, October 9
Alumni News Deadline
Submissions to newsletter must be received in Alumni office

Friday, December 7
Voting Deadline
Ballots must be received in Alumni office.

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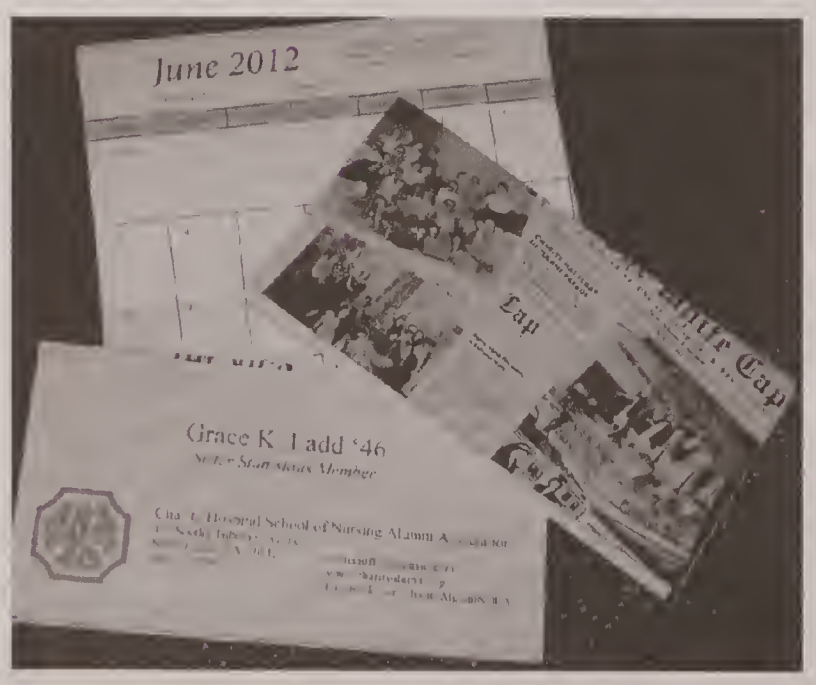

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Where Are They Now?

By Ann Dieck '80, MSN, MHA, RN, CNOR

The world sure is a small place. I don't know about you, but the older I get, the smaller it's getting. No matter where I go in this city I run into Charity graduates, and I am always amazed at the wonderful accomplishments and the many places our education has taken us. Thinking about this inspired an idea!

I will be writing a new series of articles starting here in *The White Cap*, and continuing in the *Alumni News*, and even on the Alumni Facebook page. I will spotlight individual alumni, taking the opportunity to share where our nurses are now and what they have been up to since leaving Charity School of Nursing.

Your participation will make this even more fun. Please send me your suggestions for a name for our series, and you can win a prize! Also send me the name and contact information of any alum you would like to "see in the spotlight." This is our time to shine the light on our own.

It is my distinct pleasure to be allowed to interview my sister/brother graduates and bring their stories to you. Let me know what you think, and send your ideas to **Ann Dieck '80** at **adieck@dcc.edu**.

My first installment in the series is a biography of sorts. But beware, I may be shining the light on you soon!

Ann Burghardt-Dieck '80

When I graduated in 1980, I was Ann Guillory (that was about three or four lifetimes ago, by the way). In 1976 I was working as an OR tech for about ten minutes when I realized I wanted to be a nurse. At the ripe old age of 19, I was not sure I could go back to school… was it too late to start over? This has been a recurrent theme in my life, as I have started over many times – most recently in January of 2012 when I became the latest alum to join our faculty.

When I enrolled in Charity Hospital School of Nursing, competition was tough and I took school very seriously. I was president of Sigma Alpha Chi and graduated valedictorian of my class. I have worn my Charity pin proudly every day since I walked in St Joseph Church and it was awarded to me.

My first position as an RN was at Lakeside Hospital where I worked for almost 30 years. The NICU babies I cared for in the early 80s are college graduates now. Some of my dearest friends were NICU moms.

In the 90s I returned to the same OR where I had worked as an OR tech, and I cared for many of those same moms and their families! I discovered in the last 32 years that I never stopped learning as I became a Laser Safety Officer, a urodynamic specialist, a risk manager, and even something called a fast track coordinator.

Above: Ann Dieck '80 with her first clinical group as a nursing instructor in 2012. Below left: Ann in 1980.

Sometime along the way I married and raised two wonderful boys, now men. Despite all this activity something was missing. My director of nurses encouraged me to go back to school and I earned my BS and then my MHA from the University of St Francis. I was honored to be a Great 100 Nurse in 2002. I went on to greater heights in my career, working in most all areas of the hospital and eventually even the Director of Surgical Services.

As my clinical experience continued, I became proficient in Risk Management, Quality Assessment, Infection Control and Utilization Review. My most recent administrative position was Assistant Director of Quality Assessment at Children's Hospital in New Orleans. But something kept calling me. So once again I returned to school to earn my MSN from Loyola where I proudly accepted the Nightingale Award at graduation. And still…. something was missing.

Five months ago I took a chance, answered the nagging call of the past 20 years and joined the faculty of Delgado Charity School of Nursing. "Could I start over yet again?" Let me answer with a resounding YES!

This has been the most precious gift I have ever given to myself. I feel as though I have returned home. My fellow faculty have helped me to succeed and the students are so reminiscent of myself. I am so proud to see my picture hanging in the hallway and I hope to become a faculty sponsor for Sigma Alpha Chi.

For now, I am so grateful to be able to accompany our students (my future sister and brother alumni) on their journey at our great school. I am thrilled to see my "baby nurses" develop, watch them as they graduate and step into a world of opportunity known only to us, as Registered Nurses.

Howdy, Pardners! Hitch up the wagons 'cause this fall we're serving breakfast out west... Westbank, that is!

CHARITY ALUMNI BREAKFAST

Saturday, Sept. 22

At the Royal Palm,
1901 Manhattan Blvd,
on the Westbank

Cash Bar opens at 9:30am,
Breakfast served at 10:30am.

Price: $35.00

★ Come and get it! You don't have to be a cowpoke to rope in a good time around this campfire. Chow down on a delicious brunch of Bananas Foster french toast, grits & grillades, fresh fruit and hot homemade biscuits. Pass the coffee and enjoy a trail ride down memory lane.

★ We will auction an antique CHSN Cape and some beautiful historic prints. There will be some mighty fine souvenirs, a 50/50 drawing, and door prizes. Plus a really exciting announcement! Yee-ha!

★ Deadline for reservations is September 14, 2012, so giddy-up there cowboys and cowgirls! The Reservation Form is on page 19, or purchase your tickets on our website: CharityAlumni.org.

Directions to the Royal Palm:

★ Take I-10 toward the New Orleans Business District. Take US-90 Business West across the Crescent City Connection bridge. Continue on US-90 Business West, exiting at Exit 6, Manhattan Blvd.
★ Take the first left onto Manhattan Blvd. Go 1.4 miles.
★ Just past 7th Street, there will be a traffic light with a left turn lane. There's a sculpture on the neutral ground (human-shaped silhouettes, painted many bright colors). Take a left at the light and enter "Fountain Park Centre," a plaza with a pond and fountains. The Royal Palm will be on your right.
★ Circle to the right around to the back of the Royal Palm building. The main entrance is in the back, as well as abundant free parking. The Royal Palm phone number is 504-644-4100.
★ Bridge tolls of $1.00 are only paid on the return trip across the bridge.

Please fill out this form...

Or visit our website **charityalumni.org**

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Name: _____ Class: _____
First name Maiden or Graduation name Last name

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Make your Alumni Breakfast Reservations:

Deadline for reservations is September 14, 2012.

❒ **I will attend the Alumni Breakfast on Saturday, September 22.**

Please reserve for me: How many? _____ Breakfasts @**$35.00** each.....$_____

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From the President

By Marilyn Hammett '78

Hello, Charity Alumni!!!

I hope you all check out the photos from the September Brunch at the Royal Palm. It was so much fun for all who did get to attend. The venue was very, very nice and the company was superb!! (See our CHSNAA Facebook site to see more pictures!)

But first, some news important for all of us. The LSU System announced on October 4, 2012, that it would respond to significant cuts to the state Medicaid funding by reducing the number of beds at their facilities , closing clinics, downsizing their workforce and cutting back on their medical education programs. This will have tremendous effects on the community, and ultimately affect the nursing students at Charity in my opinion. Please keep abreast with these changes. Delivery of public health is vastly changing from what most of us remember during our time at Charity. This is not just happening in New Orleans but all over the state. The quality of medical and nursing education will be very much in jeopardy.

Alumni Breakfast

For the first time in history, we had an alumni event on the Westbank, and we celebrated with a western theme, including paper cowboy hats! The blessing of our meal was given by **Jenn Garnand '11**, and then we enjoyed a really spectacular brunch with a choice of Bananas Foster French Toast or Grits & Grillades.

A Special Presentation

Truly the highlight of the day was welcoming representatives of the **Federation of Registered Professional and Licensed Practical Nurses of Charity Hospital** at New Orleans, Louisiana. **Julie Newman** and

Alumni President Marilyn Hammet '78 presents Fifty-Year Certificates to members of the Class of 1962.

Carol Bridges explained that the Federation of Nurses was established in the 1970s to give collective bargaining power to Charity nurses to negotiate improvements in patient care and working conditions. Dues began at 50 cents per pay period and were paid by RNs and LPNs. When Charity Hospital closed after Hurricane Katrina, the Federation shut down as well, but the dues that had been paid over the years were kept in a safe fund.

The Federation's last executive council decided that the fund should be used to support nursing education. They chose to donate the money to the Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association. Julie and Carol invited **Sandy Marino '68**, a former Federation council member, to join them in presenting a check for $50,000 from the Federation of Nurses to the CHSN Alumni Association.

The money will be used to give an award of $500 each semester to one student in the RN program and one student in the PN program, to be chosen by random drawing from the current student body. In this way, the dues paid by

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From the President Continued

Charity Hospital nurses over the years will assist the future nurses of the community and keep the spirit of Charity Hospital alive.

The first two students to receive the awards were **Paige Nelson** in the RN program and **Ana Vargas** in the PN program.

Remembering Sally Cooper

Rick Crouse, of Charity School of Nursing, presented a truly beautiful video tribute to **Sally Cooper '59**, former director of the school, who passed away earlier this year. **Doris Burvant '60** and **Suzy Andry '59,** who have been very close to Sally throughout her years, spoke about Sally's impact on the school, and her role in preserving the School of Nursing for future generations. Suzy placed a rose on each table to honor Sally's memory. Read more about Sally on page 5.

Roll Call

The **Class of 1968** won the roll call "hands up" with 13 members in attendance. I had the honor of presenting Fifty-Year Certificates to the following **Class of 1962** members: **Jeanette Mackey Bourgeois**, **Brenda Chetta**, **Meralee Clement**, **Brenda Grafe**, **Maureen Sullivan McDonald**, **Lena Porche** and **Georgeanna Presnell**. What a wonderful group of nurses who have given so much to nursing!

Rose Miller '58 surprised us all by attending the Breakfast in full uniform including cap and cape. She also donated several items of Charity memorabilia to the Association, including her school pin, and spoke for a few moments about how she hasn't let Parkinson's disease slow her down. I just love her… it was such a delight and an honor to have her there with us.

Scholarship News

The CHSNAA Scholarship Committee interviewed twenty-one students and awarded six scholarships at the beginning of the fall semester. Thanks to a generous donation by **Patrick Brady '83**, CSN pins were also granted to three outstanding students who were not awarded scholarships. We thank Patrick and everyone who has made generous donations to support all of our many programs!

Please Renew

As the President, I want to impress on all alumni that no matter what your circumstances are, please support the Alumni Association with your dues or donations. No matter how small the amount, it makes a difference. And everyone is welcome to contribute to our newsletters, *The White Cap* and *Alumni News*, and to our Facebook page. Just mail or email your articles, pictures or personal news to the Alumni office. Keeping each one of you in touch is so important to us!

So join the Alumni Association to keep abreast of everything!!!! The Spring Luncheon is set for **March 23, 2013**, so get your calendars out and save the date now. Until the next newsletter — Happy Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Year!!!

Above: Ursula Allain '65 (far left) and Marilyn Hammet '78 (far right) accept the check from Carol Bridges, Sandy Marino '68, and Julie Newman representing the Federation of Registered Professional and Licensed Practical Nurses of Charity Hospital.

Alumni Breakfast in September: Left, Class of '58 alumni Ginger Andry and Rose Miller share a laugh. Right, Bobbie Bartee '66 greets Paula Kensler '79.

From the Executive Director

By Lista Hank '97

Hi, Friends!

I want to start by thanking all of you who have given so generously to our **Student Emergency Fund**, both by sending in your checks and by stuffing cash in our Bucket at the Breakfast! When Hurricane Isaac hit the area, we were able to quickly provide gift cards for groceries and clothing to the many Charity students who were severely impacted - their homes flooded, families displaced, textbooks and uniforms lost. The students were so grateful for this assistance! This is exactly why we established this fund - to respond to emergencies and help students facing crises to stay in school.

I particularly want to express our appreciation to **Catherine Arnold '50** who was so moved by the plight of these students that she donated $1,000 to the Student Emergency Fund. Catherine can always be counted on to help out when we need it. We simply can't thank her enough!

Send in Your Ballot

We are all sick of the topic of elections, but Alumni elections are stress-free! Vote now for new leaders of the Alumni Association. Take a few moments to read the candidate bios on page 10, and vote for our new slate of officers and board members. We have a great group of candidates, all eager to help guide us into the future.

The Ballot is on page 11. We are trying to simplify this mailing by omitting the traditional Ballot Envelope. Just cut out the Ballot, fold it in half and mail in the same envelope as you send your luncheon reservation form or membership renewal. When we receive your envelope, the folded Ballot will be immediately dropped into a secure Ballot Box to protect the privacy of your vote.

Check Your Mailing Label

Many alumni asked us to indicate their membership expiration on the mailing label, and we have done so! The number after your name on your mailing label indicates the year your membership expires. For example, "2012" after your name means your membership expires at the end of 2012. You are current, but you may want to consider renewing now for 2013!

If your label has a "0" or a year earlier than 2012 (such as "2007"), you are overdue to renew your membership!

If the numbers on your label are 9999, 8888, or 7777, you are in a special membership category (Lifetime, Sustaining) and you do NOT need to renew.

Only current members are eligible to vote in the election, so if your membership has expired, please renew when you send in your ballot.

Got Photographs?

Do you have photographs from recent Alumni events? The Scrapbook Committee is seeking photos from Alumni Breakfasts and Luncheons from the past five or six years. We have plenty from the Homecomings (and from March 2012) but not from the other annual get-togethers. If you snapped some pictures of your friends and classmates at any Alumni events, including the most recent Breakfast, we want them! You can mail your photos or email them to the Alumni office.

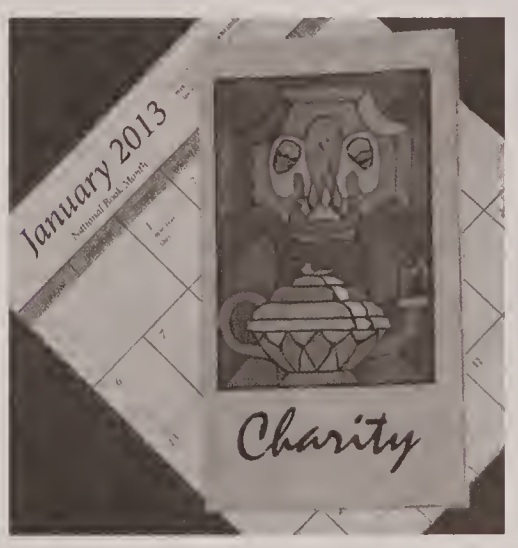
Spring Luncheon

Next spring is going to be a crazy time in New Orleans, what with the Super Bowl and Mardi Gras both happening in February! But March will be a time to catch our breaths and reconnect with friends. So join us for the **Spring Alumni Luncheon** on **March 23, 2013.**

We are looking forward to returning to the **Chateau Golf & Country Club** in Kenner. I am really looking forward to seeing all of you there! Check out the details on page 9, and be sure to select your choice of entree!

Just a reminder that you can renew your membership, make your Luncheon reservation, give donations and purchase souvenirs on our website at **CharityAlumni.org**.

Or mail your reservation in with your Ballot! Don't forget we must receive your Ballot by **December10, 2012** in order to be counted.



Best wishes to all for the new year!

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Letters from Alumni

Joy Weber Gregersen '50 *(Hammond, Louisiana)*: "I enjoy getting the *White Cap* so much. I loved my training at Big Charity. I have wonderful memories of my nursing experiences, and of my two life-long 'sister-friends', Jewel Poole Slade and Dixie Poole Keys. God Bless!"

Rose Ella Chenevert Miller '58 *(New Roads, Louisiana)*: "I apologize for neglecting to keep in touch with the many friends I was blessed with at CHSN from 1955 to 1958. I can still remember my experiences at Charity. The day I got off the Trailways bus, next door to Big Charity, was the day I started a new life. At that time I didn't realize that God had a purpose for me to carry out. I had ten sisters at home, but my 'family' grew to over 200 the first week of school! Everything I needed was provided. I served as a reporter for the *White Cap* staff in 1957 and 1958. For 50 years I gave myself to the nursing profession, then I had to retire because of my diagnosis of Parkinson's. I took an interest in local politics and became active in the growth and development of a modern health facility in our small community. After retirement I felt God leading me to write a devotional book which was published in 2011. At the same time I wrote a weekly column in our parish paper, the *Pointe Coupe Banner*. I am proud of the great profession called Nursing. It has grown from the seeds planted by Florence Nightingale to the very top of all medical careers."

Rosemary Hathorn Holmes '62 *(Zephyr, Texas)*: "I really enjoyed your recent alumni newsletter! Thank you, as always!!! It was nice learning about many of the alumni and what's going on with the school. For the past year I've been living in 'Heart-of-Texas' next to my only son Jeff and his family. But I really miss LA! I retired from the State of Louisiana at age 60 and also from the Air Force Reserve Nurse Corps at rank of Lt. Colonel! Thanks to my schooling at Charity!! For over ten years after retiring I worked weekends as RN Supervisor at a nursing home, did volunteer work at a hospital in Alexandria, and volunteered at a local school reading to three third-grade classes. Now I do volunteer work at Brownwood Hospital and at Good Samaritan. Again, thanks to Charity!!!"

Sandee Salmon '95 *(Santa Monica, California)*: "How I miss Charity Hospital. I graduated in December 1995 and stayed in Charity's ER for the next 6 years before beginning travel assignments. The gratitude I have for the training I received cannot be measured. The experience had with further training and leadership of all the seasoned

Sandee Salmon '95, happy on the beach in California.

nurses and doctors in that ER was just the best years of my life as a very green nurse. They made sure I matured enough in my nursing to become the best nurse I could be. I worked many hospitals in the San Francisco area including Queen of the Valley Hospital in Napa. I stayed there a year on contract and met my best friend there. Now I am in Los Angeles. At first I thought I'd hate the place, but to my surprise, I love it! All this is to say thank you! May God continue to hold Charity School of Nursing tightly and lovingly in His mighty hands. There's no place like Charity."

Maureen LeBlanc Morel '68 *(Richardson, Texas)*: "Please accept my donation of $300 in memory of my cousin, **Merle LeBlanc Schouest '61**, and my classmate and roommate **Audrey Kirn Fain '68** - I was heartbroken to hear of her passing! One week after graduation I married my high school sweetheart. I worked at Earl K. Long in Baton Rouge for three years, then my family moved to Texas in 1971. I then worked for the next 20 years in the Emergency Rooms at Parkland Hospital and Baylor in Dallas. I became disabled with chronic lung disease in 2000, but I keep on with my wonderful family support - and my walker and scooter!"

Kevin P. Maher '82 *(Lafayette, Colorado)*: "My classmate **Michelle Dupre** informed me that I was on the 'Lost Alumni' list and I wanted to update you. I went back to graduate school and received my MHA from Tulane University in 1986. I have worked in various blue chip consulting organizations including Price Waterhouse, Deloitte and Booz Allen, and I worked at the McKesson Corporation for 14 years. I now work for a start-up company, Evolent Health."

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Memories of Sally Cooper

Sally May Cooper died peacefully in her sleep on June 17, 2012. She was 85 years old.

We at Charity are very proud of one of our own, who exemplified the highest ideals in nursing and nursing education. Under her direction, Charity School of Nursing continued to educate and graduate the best nurses possible. This is a story of a good student, a thinking leader, an active alumna, and a positive participant in the future of nursing, **Sally Cooper**.

As a student Sally Cooper was editor of the student newspaper, *The White Cap*, in 1959. In her last editorial before graduating, she declared, "I won't say good-bye because Charity hasn't heard the last of the class of '59. So long until next time!"

Sally enrolled in Charity Hospital School of Nursing in 1956. She served as Vice-President of her class, President of LASN, Student Council Representative, and was a member of Sigma Alpha Kai Honor Society.

Writing for the student newspaper, Sally was thoughtful about her dedication to the nursing profession. "Nursing is a serious affair. Think about why you chose nursing as a profession. Remember your first day at Charity. Is your goal the same or your standards as high? Dust off your ideals and give a little serious thought to your philosophy of life. If we are going to be nurses, let us be the best. Let us keep Charity Hospital School of Nursing at the top."

After graduating, Sally worked as a psychiatric nurse in Arkansas, and later in Washington, D.C.

In 1961, Sally returned to Charity and the School of Nursing to become an Assistant Instructor in Psychiatric Nursing. Three years later, she entered Northwestern State University and graduated with Honors and a BS in Nursing. She went on to earn a Master's Degree in Psychiatric Nursing from the University of Colorado in 1967 and was named to the National Scholastic Nursing Society Sigma Theta Tau. Sally was committed to higher education for nurses and always encouraged graduates to continue their studies.

Once again Sally returned to Charity to become the Coordinator of Psychiatric Nursing. In 1968, she was named Educational Director for the school and oversaw the formation of a new curriculum that allowed Charity students to receive credit for courses taken at local colleges.

In 1980, Sally Cooper became the Director of Charity School of Nursing. Sally was only the second lay Director for the School of Nursing since its inception. Accepting this position was not an easy decision for her. The rumor is that Sr. Blanche McDonnell convinced her to take the position by telling Sally "you have the blame and shame; you might as well have the name and fame."

This began a new era of excellence. In the tradition of those who served before her, Sally was instrumental in the success of the program. During her tenure as Director of the school, there were 1,415 Charity graduates proud to assume their roles as health care professionals in Louisiana and across the United States. As the first Dean of Charity School of Nursing - Delgado Community College, Sally oversaw the graduation of the first class of 120 AD nurses.

Sally encouraged graduates to be active members in their respected nursing associations and also encouraged them to join the Charity Alumni Association. She held numerous positions on the Alumni Board including two terms as President. She kept the school's graduates informed of the many challenges and changes. She always sought their opinion and counsel. From the issues of mergers in the 70s, to proposing the solution of the diploma program in the 80s, to the present transition of our program to associate degree nursing, Sally took a positive approach to nursing education. She always remained open to new ideas and she was never afraid to try new challenges.

What fascinates those who knew Sally Cooper was that she never took the credit for the good things that happened. To Sally, progress was always due to the faculty, the students, the alumni, or the administration. We who worked with her knew the truth. She encouraged, cajoled, inspired, and sometimes pushed us to be better. Better students, better teachers, better nurses. She stood with us and for us. She was our spokesperson and our conscience. She was our colleague and our friend.

Sally Cooper was well respected, much loved, and will be sorely missed. Therefore, we will not say goodbye, only "so long." ☙

Our profound thanks to Richard Crouse, CSN Director of Media Services, Joan Andry, Sharon Robinson and Doris Burvant for this tribute.

Farewells

From Gwen Sable Tate *(Austin, Texas)*: "My aunt, **Maryjane Sable Taddei**, Class of 1939, passed away on December 21, 2009. She was the class president of her graduating class. Maryjane fondly remembered her time at Charity and the many friends that she made there. She spoke lovingly of both. My mother, Martha Louisa Summers Sable was a graduate of Charity School of Nursing and also of the Nurse Anesthesia program there. She was in the same class as Maryjane. Mom met my father when he came to visit Maryjane at CSN, and they were married after mom graduated."

From Suzanne Williams *(Frederick, Maryland)*: "My mother, **Elizabeth Waldrip Haggard**, died on June 20, 2012 at the age of 92. She was a member of Charity Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1940. Since that time, she was a subscriber to *The White Cap* and was always proud to have been a graduate of your school. At the age of 57, she graduated from Stephens College with a BA in Liberal Arts. Nursing was a profession she loved. She retired from the VA Hospital there after 20 years, then went on to work at Jo Ellen Smith in psychiatry, and finally ended her career in Home Call nursing in New Orleans when she was in her mid-70's. She often said she would have continued much longer if she were physically able. In 1998, she moved to Richmond, VA to be near her two daughters and died there. However, her ashes will be scattered over the Mississippi River in her favorite city, New Orleans, as she's always wished."

IN MEMORIAM

Maryjane Sable Taddei '39 (12/21/09)
Elizabeth Waldrip Haggard '40 (6/20/12)
Ruth M. Brignac '45 (2/25/12)
Grace Hoolahan Quinton '47 (7/6/12)
Wilma Crochet Richard '49 (8/14/12)
Edith Mae Parks Shirah '49 (9/28/12)
Marion Pertuit Diket '50 (10/7/12)
Sally May Cooper '59 (6/17/12)
Mary Jane "Sam" Burkett Caruso '53 (4/13/11)
Pamela Ann Guillot Fisher '62 (1/3/10)
Elsie Gena Goudeau Emmer '63 (7/18/12)
Irene Lousteau Poche '66 (8/20/12)
Charley Johnson '76 (5/19/12)
Jennifer Roberts Walsh '87 (7/27/09)
Rebecca Ann Hoffman Rayborn Jones '07 (6/21/12)

Alumni Notes

Rhonda Johnson '97 was honored as a Health Ambassador for the 5th Annual Asante Awards and Festival. The Asante Festival promotes pride in the City of New Orleans by recognizing the accomplishments of our city's career achievers, artists and other esteemed individuals who exemplify the endurance, strength and culture of the New Orleans community. The 2012 Festival events celebrated the Year of the Health Professions and the organization had this to say about Rhonda: "Time and time again, your work has edified the soul and enlightened the mind. Your service has given us much to appreciate and celebrate. We recognize your long-standing contributions to the community with an Asante Salute."

Two Charity alumni were named 2012 Health Care Heroes by the publication *New Orleans CityBusiness*. **Charlotte Parent '89** is director of health for the City of New Orleans. Charlotte was a labor and delivery nurse and maternal child services director at Touro Infirmary before joining city government. **Janet Parrish '77** is a nurse with Addiction Recovery Resources Inc. of Metairie. She works with inpatient and outpatient clients to assess and improve their behavioral health.

Joyce Travelbee '43 was posthumously inducted into the Louisiana Nursing Hall of Fame. Joyce was an innovative nurse educator and theorist. She championed the cause of humane treatment for mental/psychiatric patients. She developed the Human to Human Relationship Theory, pioneering the idea of relating to the patient as an individual and as a human being. This approach is advocated today by the Institute of Medicine, American Nurses Association, The Joint Commission, Robert Woods Johnson and many other organizations. Joyce was also a leader in nursing education, helping integrate and establish metal health nursing courses in nursing school curriculums. Joyce was active in psychiatric nursing and nursing education for 30 years until her death in 1973 at the age of 47.

Holy Cross Online RN to BSN

Our Lady of Holy Cross College now allows Associate Degree graduates of Charity School of Nursing to seamlessly transfer credits to the Holy Cross online RN to BSN program, making it easier to pursue further nursing education. The online course of study was specifically designed to meet the needs of the working, adult learner. More information can be obtained by emailing **RN-BSN Program@olhcc.edu**, by going online to **www.olhcc.edu**, or by calling 504-398-2147.

Letters from Alumni

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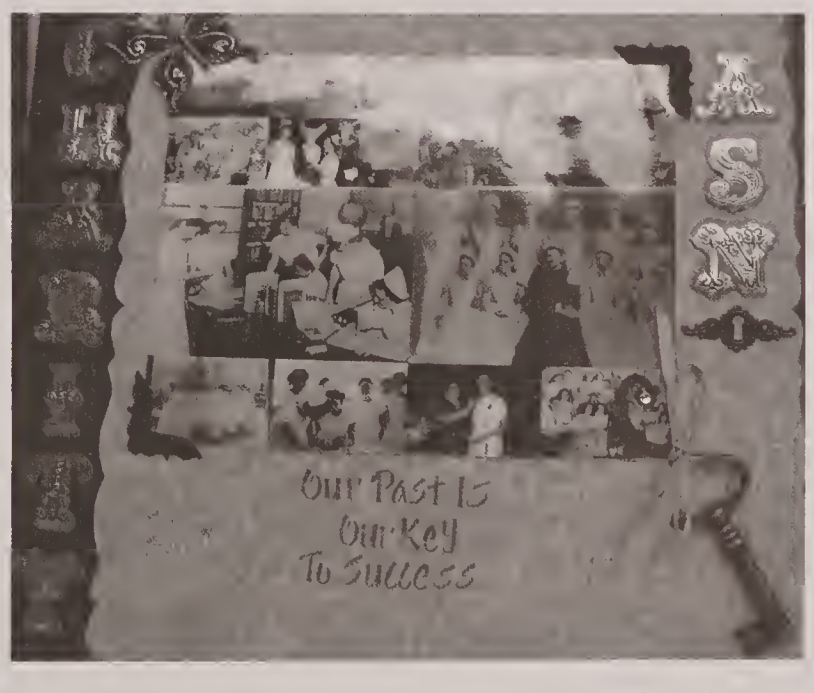
Susan Pye Stone '72 *(Chattanooga, TN)*: "I've had an unbelievable past 12 months! CHSN gives you nerves of steel, that's for sure! This time last year I was deathly ill but surprised everyone and here I am - still kicking! Then in October my husband had a senior moment and left a pot cooking on the stove. When the smoke alarms started I came from the front of the house to investigate and found black smoke bellowing from our kitchen! The kitchen was a total loss, but thankfully the insurance covered it all! Soon my husband was using Tums like candy but dismissed my concerns that it might be a symptom of heart problems. Then we went on an overnight trip and returned to find our back door had been shattered and we had been robbed. He grabbed his chest and had to sit down while we waited for the police! I made him an appointment with the doctor and, low and behold, the cardiac cath showed two 100% blockages and he had a CABG x 4!!! He's now 40 pounds lighter, continuing his cardiac rehab sessions and seems to be A-OK. How's that for a year?? Without those CHSN nerves of steel, I would have been lost!"

CSN Campus News

CSN Faculty Receive Teaching Medals: Kim Uddo and Wendy Garretson, of Charity School of Nursing, were among the Delgado faculty members honored for excellence in teaching by the College and by NISOD, the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development. This is Delgado Community College's highest internal recognition of its faculty, as well as a prestigious national recognition of teaching excellence.

Below, CSN faculty Kim Uddo and Wendy Garretson (seated, fifth and sixth from left) receive NISOD medals.

Painting for a Purpose: The CSN Student Government Association held a fundraiser in September at "Painting with a Twist." Part of the school's Breast Cancer Awareness campaign, the event helped raise $150 for the local chapter of the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Fifteen students created pink Fleur-de-Lis paintings which will be displayed on the 7th Floor of the school for the rest of the semester. The SGA also sponsored Pink-Out Day at the school in October, featuring a seminar on advancements in breast cancer research. Breast cancer survivors were also on hand to share their personal experiences with students.



Above, the award-winning CASN scrapbook

CASN Scrapbook Wins Honors: The Charity Association of Student Nurses won three awards for their scrapbook at the Louisiana Association of Student Nurses convention, including First Place for "Most Creative." The theme of the CASN Scrapbook was "Our Past Is Our Key to Success" and featured historic photos and notes on the history of the school as well as CASN activities. CSN student Kaitlin Greesom was elected the LASN Historian at the convention.

Where Are They Now?

SPOTLIGHT ON: Mary Iannazzo Trosclair

By Ann Burghardt-Dieck '80

Mary as a Charity student, and today as a faculty member.

Today, Charity School of Nursing has 76 faculty members, and an astonishing one third are alumni. **Mary Trosclair '73** is credited as the alumna who has been teaching the longest at her alma mater, but her accomplishments far exceed that accolade.

Mary Trosclair always seems to be asking, "What can I do to make things better?" But Mary is more than just ideas; she is about action.

Before moving to teaching, Mary worked in a variety of high acuity patient care areas. Encountering problems such as high infection rates, Mary asked, "What can I do to make this better?" She came to appreciate Evidenced Based Practice and decided to return to school to study research and problem solving. After earning a Bachelor's and Master's degree, she joined the faculty of Charity Hospital School of Nursing.

Mary has taught at both the Senior and Basics levels , and she praises the administration of the school for working with all staff members to help them attain personal and professional goals.

Currently Mary is the Human Patient Simulation Lab coordinator. "The biggest advantage of the lab," says Mary, "is that it is a safe environment. We can pause the patient care scenario and give students a chance to think through a problem. If a student is making a less than optimal decision, we can allow events to play out – you can't do that in an actual clinical setting. We always end the experience with a debriefing session where the participants objectively step back to analyze their performance. We discuss the nursing process, reflect on actions taken, celebrate successes and look for opportunities for improvement based on theory learned in class."

Mary asked herself what she could do about a 30% attrition rate among CSN students. She decided to initiate a retention program. Students forced to repeat a semester are quietly invited to a session where Mary assists them to overcome this emotional and financial setback. "These students should not allow themselves to be defined by this one event." She illustrates how life's adversities and nursing challenges can be solved using scientific principles. She demonstrates to the student that a stumbling block can work to their advantage as they can grow from disappointment into a leader. By using principles of Kubler-Ross and Maslow, Mary helps the students understand they must come to some sort of resolution from this negative experience before current learning can take place. They must "let it go and move to the present to find success now."

Mary points out "it is important to identify what the student needs to be successful, to be a student advocate and promote student growth." Mary tells me her attitude stems from her beginnings as a novice nurse. She was fortunate to be associated with a "wonderful mentor." Mary feels this first critical collaboration paved the way for many future professional accomplishments. She has spent a lifetime of paying it forward.

Looking to the future, Mary predicts, "Nurses have always been the ones to help patients through the myriad of health care. Now we will be there to help them through the impending changes of our health care systems."

Mary has been instrumental in creating collaboration between Tulane Medical School and Charity School of Nursing. Nursing students team up with the medical students to discuss patient safety issues, and learn the advantage of effective communication between all members of the healthcare team. "It is never too early to introduce the importance of co-operation and foster mutual respect between the doctor and nurse."

The highlights of the past 33 years have been many for Mary. But when asked to choose just one, she said the Pinning Ceremony has always meant the most to her. "To see students succeed at this goal, knowing they have struggled against all odds, is very rewarding."

In Mary's spare time she is a "Who Dat" fan! Travel is also a passion, and she spent some time just this summer in Rome. And do you think she just enjoyed the sights? NO WAY! True to form, Mary was taking the time to interview a professor of nursing in Europe - once again looking for ways to make things better for nursing education and patient care for all of us.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? highlights the achievements of Charity alumni. If you would like to be in the spotlight or know someone who should be, please contact Ann Dieck at adieck@dcc.edu. Watch out - you may be next!

Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association

Alumni Luncheon

Saturday, March 23, 2013

Chateau Golf & Country Club

3600 Chateau Blvd in Kenner 504-467-1351

Exit I-10 at Williams Blvd North, turn left on West Esplanade, go one mile, turn right on Chateau Blvd, and you're there.

Cost: $35 per person **FREE PARKING!!**

Registration/Cash Bar opens at 10:30am

Lunch served at 11:30am

Celebrate Spring with friends and classmates in a lovely venue as you savor your choice of a delicious entree, green salad, rice pilaf, juilienned vegetables, bread, carrot cake, iced tea and coffee. Make your bid for an antique CHSN Cape at our Shhhh! Silent Auction. Plus: Souvenirs, raffles, door prizes, and more!

Charity Alumni Spring Luncheon Reservation Form

Mail to: **CHSN Alumni Association, 450 S. Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112**

Or purchase online at **www.CharityAlumni.org**

We must receive your reservation by **March 14, 2013**, to guarantee your seating.

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I'll See You at the Luncheon:

Total number of people _____ @ $35 each.....$_____

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___ Southern Pecan Catfish, or ___ Herb-Encrusted Pork Vino Rosa

Bringing a Guest? Please give us the name for their Name Tag:

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Candidates Biographical Data

PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE

BRYAN J. CAMUS '12
Bryan is an Orthopedic/Med-Surg nurse at West Jefferson Medical Center. He was President of the Charity Association of Student Nurses (CASN) for the 2011-12 school year, and served on the CHSN Alumni Association Advisory Board. He was awarded the Charity Honor Pin for May 2012. He is a member of NODNA and was honored with the 2012 NODNA Student Leadership Award. Bryan was named the L-OADN Outstanding Student of the Year for 2012. His classmates voted him "Most Spirited" and selected him to deliver the Class Address at the Pinning Ceremony. He is a lifetime member of Sigma Alpha Chi, Phi Theta Kappa, and Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Societies. Before pursuing a nursing career, Bryan was a volunteer at the Audubon Institute where he did educational presentations at the Aquarium of the Americas, the Audubon Zoo, and the Audubon Insectarium. He volunteered for the turtle and dolphin rescue program after the Gulf Coast BP oil spill. He also volunteered at the NO-AIDS Task Force's Food For Friends Program. Bryan lives in New Orleans.

TREASURER CANDIDATE

URSULA ALLAIN '65
Ursula worked full-time for 30 years at Charity Hospital, mostly in the OR, then worked part-time for another 10 years as a Patient Liaison in the Emergency Room. Though retired, she is an active member in the New Orleans Chapter of AORN. Ursula has served CHSNAA as President, Board Member, on the Nominating Committee, and as Treasurer for several years. As Treasurer she has overseen legislative audits and the conversion of the Alumni Association's financial record keeping to computer. Ursula lives in Kenner.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR CANDIDATE

ALICE FAY CHAMBERS BRADY '64
Alice was an OR and peri-operative nurse for 47 years, was named a Great 100 Nurse, and is an active member of AORN. She held numerous offices in the local chapter of AORN. Alice is very active in the Alumni Association, has served as a Board member, assists with the Senior Luncheon, and has served as chairman of the Nominating Committee from 2008 to the present. She is a resident of Daphne, Alabama.

BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES

KAREN CHABERT '77
Karen is president and founder of a legal nurse and forensic consulting company. She has served on the Board in the past, has planned numerous professional events on limited budgets, and is a leader in forensics in the nursing community. Karen speaks locally, nationally and internationally on topics of interest in nursing, charming all with her Cajun accent. She is also a licensed Private Investigator, does standup comedy, and serves as auctioneer at our Alumni Events. Karen lives in New Orleans.

ANN BURGHARDT-DIECK '80
As a student, Ann was President of Sigma Alpha Chi and Secretary of the Students Activities Committee. She has worked for almost 30 years in a variety of positions at Lakeside Hospital in Metairie, eventually becoming the Director of Surgical Services. Later, at Children's Hospital in New Orleans, she served as Assistant Director of Quality Assessment. She has certification in Surgery (CNOR), and was honored as a Great 100 Nurse in 2002. Ann earned an MHA from University of St Francis then a MSN from Loyola University, where she received the Nightingale award upon graduation. Last spring she joined the faculty of Charity School of Nursing as an instructor. She currently serves on the Alumni Board of Directors for Loyola University. Ann has been an active member of the CHSN Alumni Association, creating and writing the "Where Are They Now?" column for the alumni newsletter and serving on the Scrapbook Committee. Ann lives in Metairie.

PATRICK D. REED '90
Patrick is a 21-year employee of Charity Hospital (now the Interim LSU Public Hospital). He started in 1991 in the Emergency Department and was made supervisor in 1993. In 1995, he moved to the House Supervisor position and remained in that role for several years. After Katrina, he returned as Assistant Nursing Administrator. In 2010, he moved to Quality Management, where he is currently the manager. He also functions as preceptor for students from various nursing schools. He also plans to begin teaching online in the spring. Patrick holds a bachelor degree in Religious Studies from Loyola University, an MBA and MSHCM from UNO and an MSN from Loyola. He is certified in Quality Management. Patrick resides in New Orleans.

Charity Hospital School of Nursing
Alumni Association

2013 ELECTION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING:

Ballots must be received in the Alumni Office no later than December 10, 2012, to be counted.
Candidates' biographical information is on page 10.

After making your selection, please cut out the BALLOT along the dotted line. Fold the BALLOT in half to protect the privacy of your vote. Place it in an envelope addressed to the CHSN Alumni Association.

You may include your membership renewal, luncheon reservation, and other materials in the same mailing envelope. Your BALLOT will be placed in a secure ballot box immediately upon receipt.

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YOUR BALLOT

DIRECTIONS: Circle the names of the candidates of your choice.

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From the President

By Marilyn Nola Hammett '78

Hello, Alumni! To all of you who attended the Spring Alumni Meeting in March – thank you!! It was a great turnout and the venue was terrific. Those that did not attend: you missed a great time to reconnect, reminisce and revel with everyone. Please consider coming in September! You won't be disappointed, and you may find that classmate you have wondered about for years. *(Look for details on the September Breakfast on page 22.)*

The Class of '63 celebrated 50 years at the Luncheon.

As I write this message I am reminded of how fleeting life can be for all of us. The terrible events in Boston this spring show again how often medical personnel can be called into action at events that seem so innocent. I am certain there was some nurse just enjoying the marathon as a spectator who, in an instant, became a hero by providing lifesaving measures until a victim could be transported to a hospital.

Nurses are called to action every day, not just in such catastrophic situations, but in caring for our patients and clients in seemingly mundane ways. We see the work that needs to be done and we step up, sometimes out of our comfort zone, usually in ways that will never be lauded. Most of us will go through our entire lives and never get our name in the newspaper, but we can be heroes every day to the individuals whose lives we touch.

New at the School

Exciting new things are always going on at the School of Nursing. There are electronic message boards on each floor for school announcements, as well as three new study rooms furnished with tables and screens, all funded by the Student Government Association. A bike rack has been installed and plans have been drawn up for new landscaping in the front of the Education Building and in the courtyard where our Commemorative Brick Wall is located - the money for these improvements was raised by students, faculty and staff in honor of Brian Fazekas. *(Read more about this on page 16.)*

Accomplishments Abound

The current crop of Charity students continue our tradition of excellence. The class of May 2012 attained a 98.06% pass rate on NCLEX, higher than the Louisiana average of 92.89% and the national average of 87.88% for all associate degree programs. At the Fall 2012 Pinning ceremony in December, the Honor Pin was presented to **Ryan McCloskey**. **Joanna Niyazov** had the highest grade-point average in the nursing program and received the Sister Stanislaus Malone Award; **Salina Addington** received the Alumni Association's Sister Blanche McDonnell Award, and **Kristine Light-Patterson** received the Award of Distinction.

The Alumni Association Scholarship Committee interviewed 29 applicants over the Christmas break, and then awarded eight scholarships at the CSN Promotion and Awards Ceremony in February: the Sister Blanche McDonnell Scholarship to **Melissa Ostermann**; the Marie and Hugh Garcia Roach Scholarship to **Megan Ledet**; the Josephine Badeaux Dickson Scholarship to **Emily Ovalle**; the Sally Cooper Scholarship to

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Michelle St. Romain; the Joanne Delaune Scholarship to **Monica Tamporello**; the Mary Ann Signorelli Whynot Scholarship to **Nicholas White**; the Jeansonne Scholarship to **Rachel Cusimano**; and the Marcelle Jacobs Wright Scholarship to **Amber Stokes**. Three Level IV students were awarded graduation pins for their achievement: **Katherine Kuntz**, **Alvin Santos** and **Adam Traugott**. All of these students achieved high standards in both academics and in their clinical skills.

Thanks to the **Federation of Registered Professional and Licensed Practical Nurses of Charity**, we were also able to give $500 awards to two students in February: **Christina Baudot** in the RN Program, and **Mary Parlow** in the PN Program.

This April, the Alumni Association's Student Activities Fund made it possible for us to send eight students to the New Orleans District Nurses Association (NODNA) Student Nurses Night in April. It is a great introduction to our local professional organization and a good start on networking with their soon-to-be colleagues in nursing. We were also able to help six students attend the National Student Nurses Association Convention to represent Charity. These kinds of experiences are so important for students as they are looking toward their future, and understanding that nursing is not just about the job, it's about your role in the community - on the local level and in the world. The students who attend these kinds of events get so inspired and learn so much – and they bring back so much to share with their peers.

Investing for the Future

We provided lunch to the graduating seniors on their Professional Issues Day on May 1. This gave us a chance to meet the seniors and encourage them to be involved with the Alumni Association. Alumni Scholarship applications are due at the end of the semester. The **Sister Blanche Alumni Award** will be presented at the Pinning Ceremony as well an award of a graduation pin from **Margaret Palmisano '49**.

The Alumni Association is funding the purchase of ten highly recommended test-taking skills books for the school library. These books are invaluable for incoming students to help make the transition from their previous educational experiences to nursing school, but many new students can't afford them after purchasing required texts. So, we are making an investment for future achievement!

I want to thank you, the alumni, for making all this possible, and for letting me enjoy the satisfaction of being so involved in the work of this organization. You can be involved, too! The fall elections will be here sooner than you think, so if you are interested in running for the Board of Directors, contact the Alumni Office for information.

See you in September. Nurses Rock!

School of Nursing Report

By Dr. Cheryl Myers, PhD, RN
Executive Dean, CSN Campus/Dean of Nursing

As spring rolls around once again, it is appropriate to stop and reflect on the accomplishments of our students, graduates and faculty, and on the forces that impact nursing education today.

Our enrollment remains healthy with over 650 students enrolled in the CNA, PN and RN programs. The newly accepted class for August 2013 is busy gathering all of their LSBN and health documentation, meeting with their advisors and getting ready for the life-changing experience of nursing school. Our Level IV class is preparing for graduation and for embarking on their new career in nursing. Thanks in part to support from the Alumni Association, six members of the Charity Association of Student Nurses just returned from an exhilarating experience at the National Student Nurses Association Convention in Charlotte, NC.

Our new curriculum was implemented in the Fall 2012 semester, and the faculty continue to work hard to provide a supportive learning environment to facilitate student success. We continue to encourage our graduates to further their education. Articulation agreements with Northwestern State University, Our Lady of Holy Cross College, Our Lady of the Lake College and William Carey University are in place to facilitate a seamless transfer to a baccalaureate degree.

Looking to the future, the College is positioning itself to be a major factor in the rapidly developing Biomedical District in downtown New Orleans. In the current legislative session, SB204, if passed, will provide for the issuance of bonds to finance capital improvements for the Louisiana Community and Technical College System. Over $80 million of that will go to Delgado Community College for capital outlay projects, of which $35 million will be dedicated to a Nursing and Allied Health campus in the district. This campus would be a state-of-the-art facility in which nursing and allied health students would benefit from daily interaction with each other, as well as interprofessional collaboration and learning experiences. What a great way to ensure a future of quality healthcare in our community! We would appreciate your support in letting your legislators know the importance of this bill to nursing education in the greater New Orleans area.

We are extremely proud of all of our students and our graduates. Thank you for your continued support of our students and our program. Wishing you a safe and relaxing summer.

Spring Luncheon: More is Merrier

The **CHSNAA Annual Luncheon** was held on March 23, and the turnout was amazing! Almost 200 alumni flocked to the Chateau Golf and Country Club to see old classmates and make new friends!

Alumni gathered and greeted, perusing the souvenir table, and many scooped up reprints of the 1940 CHSN Student Handbook (which contained original handwritten notes by **Irma Solomon '41** in her student days, including a mysterious third verse of the Alma Mater!) They bought tickets for the 50/50 drawing and pondered their bids for the silent auction of a CHSN cape.

President **Marilyn Hammett '78** welcomed the membership and guests, and **Jenn Garnand '11** offered the blessing. The centerpieces were plants decked with butterflies and seed packets. Delicious meals of Southern Pecan Catfish or Pork Vino Rosa were topped off by a dessert of Carrot Cake.

Roll Call of Classes

Secretary **Joycelyn Jeansonne '78** joined Marilyn for the Roll Call of Classes and several years were well represented: 1957 had 8 in attendance, 1962 had 8, 1968 had 10, 1971 had 8 and 1973 had 16! Six faculty members were there as well.

But the **Class of '63** swept the field with 22 alumni and six guests - they filled four tables! It was their 50th Anniversary, and Golden Anniversary Certificates were presented to each class member.

Marilyn acknowledged nurses who serve in the military and recognized **Loretto Sitton '71** for her service. **Janet Hanchey '61** donated

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Top to bottom: Judy Lafleur '68, Catherine Holland '68, Rose Jeanne Buccola '49 and Saundra Robert '56. Doris Burvant '60 (at far right) with members of the Class of '63. Marie Gaudet, Julie Gutierrez and Edna Treuting of the Class of '46. The Class of '74 and friends.

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her cape for a future auction. Marilyn acknowledged nurses who serve in the military and recognized **Loretto Sitton '71** for her service. **Dr. Cheryl Myers**, Dean of the School of Nursing, reported on the students and new developments at Charity.

Alice Brady '64, Nominating Chair, announced the results of the December election, thanked everyone who ran, and encouraged alumni to get involved.

The new Board members were installed: President-Elect: **Bryan Camus '12**, Treasurer: **Ursula Allain '65**, Nominating Chair: **Alice Brady '64**, Board Members: **Karen Chabert '77** and **Patrick Reed '90**. Continuing in their positions are: Secretary **Joycelyn Jeansonne '78**, and Board Members **Patrick Brady '83** and **Vivian Manes '70.**

The winner of the *Shhh! Silent Auction* was **Wedon Brown '10**, and the 50/50 Drawing netted $366 for **Mary Jo Johnson '74**. Door prizes were awarded, and the singing of the Alma Mater ended the day as everyone vowed to get together again this fall!

Top to bottom: Twenty-two members of the Class of '63. President Marilyn Hammett '78 (left) greets alumni as they arrive. Beverly Chapoton '67 laughs with Dale Eppling '68. Board member Patrick Brady '83 works the souvenir table.

You can view more photos on:

Facebook.com/Charity Alumni NOLA

or on our Shutterfly share site at

http://charityalumni.shutterfly.com

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From the Executive Director

By Lista Hank '97

It was so great to see so many alumni at the Spring Luncheon! I have enjoyed getting to know many of you through phone calls and emails, and I especially enjoy meeting you at Alumni events!

One alumni I have gotten to know well in the past few months is **Penny Tolchin '63.** Penny lives in California but she got in touch with me a few months ago and said, "I want to have a 50-year reunion for my class." So I gave her the information we had for her class, and she got on the phone and the internet, wrote letters, and tracked down her classmates. She got them all enthusiastic about attending, and twenty-two members of the **Class of '63** were there for their reunion. It really was a beautiful thing. SHE MADE IT HAPPEN!

I've included a section of **Class of '63** bios in the *Alumni News and Notes* (starting on page 7) and I think you will agree with me that this is a pretty cool group of ladies! So thank you, Penny, and congratulations to the **Class of '63** for fifty great years!

I also want to acknowledge the many recent graduates and current students who attended the Luncheon. These guys are incredible! They are so active in the community and committed to making a difference. We can all be really proud that Charity is being well represented by the latest generation. I want to thank **Jenn Garnand '11**, who is actually an ordained minister as well as a nurse, for the lovely blessing. And congratulations to **Bryan Camus '12**, our new President-Elect, who will be the Alumni Association's first Associate Degree President!

Getting Together

The alumni get-togethers are so important to us - they keep the bonds between us strong, and they keep the Charity spirit alive. I think we can all agree that they are truly priceless!

But money-wise... these events just break even. We depend on financial support through membership dues and donations to our projects to do all the important things we do - like scholarships, emergency aid for students, sending students to national conventions and to NODNA Student Nurse Night, and preserving the school's many historic treasures. And that support comes from YOU.

I want to deeply thank an anonymous donor who recently gave us $5,000 to preserve four turn-of-the-century Charity diplomas. These beautiful antique diplomas were in sad shape, but are being professionally restored, photographed, and framed, and soon will be on display in the library. What a precious gift!

Now, big donations like this are fantastic - they allow us to slam-dunk huge projects like the diplomas. But really, the $15 or $25 you send us in membership dues - funding we can count on year in and year out - is what keeps us going as an organization.

So if you haven't paid your dues for 2013, please renew your membership - or join us for the first time. Annual dues start at only $15 a year and they do so much! Fill out the form on page 23 or go to our website at **www.CharityAlumni.org**. You can include your dues with your reservation for the Breakfast in September, or send them separately.

I'd like to give one more cheer for the **Class of '63** because they have shown not only their class spirit, but their commitment to the work of this organization as well. For 2013, the **Class of '63** has more paid members than any other class, including nine Blue Ribbon Members, a Sister Stanislaus Member, and three Sustaining Members.

Support like this - YOUR support, YOUR membership, YOUR donations, year after year, is what makes it all possible. YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN! And we appreciate that so very much.

Check Your Mailing Label

Don't know if you are current on your dues? The number after your name on your mailing label indicates the year your membership expires. For example, "Jane Jones 2013" means your membership is current for 2013. If your label has a "0" or a year earlier than 2013 (such as "2012"), you are overdue to join or renew!

If the numbers on your label are 9999, you are a Lifetime Member; 8888 is a Sustaining Member; 7777 is a non-alumni Friend. If you are in these categories, you do NOT need to renew your membership, but donations are always welcome. Thank you!

A stately mannequin wearing a 50s era uniform donated by Marguerite Breaux Bryan '58 watches over a study session in the library.

Members of Note

SUSTAINING MEMBERS
Gloria Redmond Ashman '48
Sherrill Hooper Millard '50
Rowena Smith Christensen '51
Celina Machin Haynie '51
Hazel MacKillican Wilson '52
Marijean Martin Pruett '54
Rita Jo Neary Ellsworth '55
Joan Anderson Blankinship '56
Mary McBride '57
Esther Ogea Doucet '60
Joan Arceneaux Levasseur '60
Frances Petho Aponte '61
Joan Bero '63
Barbara Johnson Roger '63
Dorothy Russell Stagg '63
Janette Foy Brown '64
Geraldine Bourgeois Daigle '64
Judith Wellman Quigley '64
Linda Sue Grimme Fontenot '65
Beverly Poche Chapoton'67
Karen Moulliet '67
Peggy Portie Parigi '67
Betty Schweitzer Toups '67
Dr. Marelle Yongue '67
Louanna Cardinale Whiddon '67
Charlotte Arras '71
Marian Foret Offner '71
Jo Ann Rizzutto '71
Dorothy Paxson Barker '72
Pat Lindsey Mancuso '72
Rosalie Parenton Vincent '72
Rose-Mary Alexander White '72
Dennis and Lynel Pinkozie '73
Charlene White Persich '74
Vicky Kent '75
Bryanne Murray Hamill '76
Lane E. McAlister Pierce '76
Marilyn Nola Hammett '78
Joycelyn Jeansonne '78
Sandra Tracy Bailey '79
William Borne '79
Karen DelValle Tampira '79
Claudette Boudreaux '80
Cydney Trahans Begnaud '81
Elizabeth Kelly Carlini '82
Renee Rago Schuller '83
Patricia Dufrene '85
Elaine Riecke Bergeron '86
Gina West Ragland '86
Kevin Besse '91
Michael Harrison '92
Betty Trosclair Loumiet '92
Mitzi Ridgdell Arnold '93
Craig A. Cedotal '94
Margaret Johnson Jackson '96
Brenda Shields Simmons '96
Lista Hank '97
Cynthia Fernandez '10

BLUE RIBBON 2013
Miriam Anglada Crowley '46
Marilyn Landry Roccaforte '46
Geneva Dufour Waters '48
Sybil Clinton Raper '49
Mary Katherine "Kitty" Mollere '52
Rita Gail Rills Gaudet '54
Joy Deshotel Hill '54
Gail Braud Decoteau '55
Barbara Leitner Quehl '55
M. Delores Woodcock Carter '56
Kathleen Lee Taylor '57
Cecile Ginger Andry '58
Monette Moreau Enright '58
Marilyn Jo Jacob Klein '58
Rosalie Nicolosi Collura '59
Anna Martino Meinert '59
Joanne Bushey '60
Judith Lohr Dauterive '60
Beryl Forgey Olhasso '60
Antoinette Keating Sykes '61
Meralee Clement '62
Pamela Maycock Coulter '62
Rosemary Hathorn Holmes '62
Judith Guion Barousse '63
Linda Harson Bass '63
Phyllis Bourgeois Beeching '63
Lynne Gordon Cook '63
Madeleine Moreau Crawford '63
Saundra Mallory Deaton '63
Janice Haydel Hezeau '63
Yvonne Gauthier McGaha '63
Mary Bettie Nolin '63
Charlotte V. Guinn '64
Frances Ainsworth Robichaux '64
Suzanne Hursey Strahan '64
Diane Blumberg Howell '65
Kathleen Hynes Hug '65
Katherine E. Crawford '66
Carolyn Brunell Cunningham '66
Sandra Cazenave Graugnard '67
Ellen Hebert '67
Carolyn Desselle Righter '67
Jacqueline Henry Terrell '67
F. Dianne Perdue Weber '67
Alice Brady '68
Patricia L. Solomon '68
Brenda Crump Trosclair '68
Lorraine Babin Fearheiley '69
Diane Leger Cicero '70
Francine Taaffe Dyer '70
Louise Foret Dalili '71
Christine Hurley Carbon '71
Katherine Manuel Landreneau '71
Elaine Maguire '71
Jane Ellerbusch Parrish '71
Darilyn Ziifle Schieffler '71
Fabian Thibodeaux Whitney '71
Susan Pye Stone '72
Madeline Cerniglia Totten '72
Sandra P. Touchet '72
Cynthia Bourgeois Wagley 72
Myra Diaz Cheramie '73
Cheryl McGinnis '73
Kathy Reaney '73
Diane Tingle Cormack '74
Diana Fontenot Roy '74
Donna Blanchard Landry '75
Barbara McClees '75
Marion Sams Johnson '76
Kathy Roth Jones '76
Beth Wininger Pesses '76
Debra Bordelon Bonau '77
Connie Bousquet '77
Suzanne Delhomme LeMoine '77
Ellen Dickson Dollacker '78
Elaine Schulz Navaille '78
Cathryn Parsons Smith '78
DeeAnne Posseno Jewell '79
Patricia Lane '79
Kirk P. LeVasseur '79
John Bertucci '81
Nancy Allebone Capponi '81
Deborah Jolissaint '81
Shelley Whitney '81
Joell Ackerman '84
Patsy Abadie Ashton '85
Teresa Sundell-Bahrd Olkowski '88
Patrick D. Reed '90
Kathleen Hyzy '92
Carol Leefe '92
Patrick Gerard Oncale '93
Angelique Hagmann '94
Regina Danner '97
Roxanne LeBlanc McNally '97
Lai Ying Leung '99
Karen Bulanowski Cook '01
Beverly Rainey '05
Jennifer Bogle Lobre '06
Laurie M. Maloney '08
Rachel M. Ferguson '11
Susan Wentz '11
Bryan Camus '12

SILVER STAR 2013
Col. Mary L. Regus USAR Ret. '43
Dorothy Sumrall Livingston '50
Dolores Marsh Alford '51
Marion Thibodaux Gatti '54
Louella Perry Gumpert '54
Cecile Ginger Andry '58
Frances Spicola Cummings '65
Constance Kennedy Proctor '65
Beverly Gary Angehrn '66
Rita Borne Broussard '66
Paula Favre Brewington '69
Camille Bourgeois Whittaker '70
Catherine Stack Skeins '73
Elaine Schexnayder Launey '76
Carl A. Blumberg '77
Melissa Manuel Deshotels '81
Terry Dalmas Praylo '83
Anne Silverstein '98
Savana Thomas '06

SISTER STANISLAUS 2013
Betty Baker Geck '47
Joanne Philbrook Newton '56
Joyce Allen Urode '60
Frances Linder Wilson '63
Patricia Ferguson Lawless '64
Martha Meaux Genin '65
Patti Rouchon Burcham '70
Renee Bridget Guidry '87

CHSNAA 2012-13 HONOR ROLL For Truly Outstanding Generosity
Catherine Arnold '50
Roberta P. Bartee '66

2012 Members of Note received after The White Cap 2012 was printed, through Sept 30, 2013:

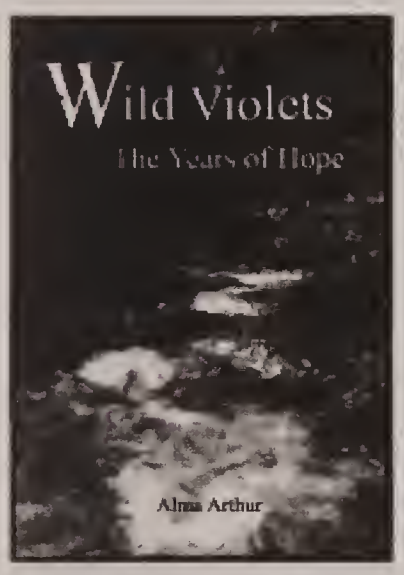
BLUE RIBBON 2012
Jewell Poole Slade '50
Madeline Tolson Markwood '52
Mary Katherine Mollere '52
Valerie Hinton Corkern '53
Rita Thornberry Sharpe '53
Mille Nash Vilmerding '58
Beryl Ann Forgey Olhasso '60
Mary Arnold Gardner '61
Jeanette Mackey Bourgeois '62
Rosemary Hathorn Holmes '62
Linda Harson Bass '63
Phyllis Bourgeois Beeching '63
Madeleine Moreau Crawford '63
Yvonne Gauthier McGaha '63
Brenda Putman '63
Joyce Champagne '66
Carolyn Desselle Righter '67
Susan Balser Edwards Berry '69
Joyce Paul Koch '69
Susan Pye Stone '72
Barbara R. Leflore '74
Joan Hodge '75
Graciela Pinto-Leyva '75
Patricia A. Shannon '75
Mary Kate Maher '78
Charlene Berger '79
Nancy Allebone Capponi '81
Michelle Bily Cousans '81
Donna Dauterive '83
Estelle C. Vincent '85
Billie Jean Kirk '88
Christine Silva '89
Deena Dodge Rabalais '90
Monique St. Romain '91
Bridgette Johnson-Medley '95
Geraldine Hopper '08

SILVER STAR 2012
Geneva Dufour Waters '48
Dolores Marsh Alford '51
Lynda Vance Montagne '58
Bonnie Hensley-Mowe '70
Donna Sue Bordelon '75
Donna Lambert Holmes '75
Kay Beaulieu Kenney '76
Jodi Claire Fremin '90
Rhonda M. Johnson '97
Anne McCutchen Silverstein '98

SISTER STANISLAUS 2012
Anne Lillard Williams '51
Clara DeLong Carle '63
Brenda M. Poche '82

Alumni News and Notes

Alma Doris Peters Arthur '49 *(Stockton, CA)*: "While recuperating from a broken neck, I put together some fragments and memories from my childhood through completing nurses training in 1949. I decided to put it into book form and the latter part of the book deals with my wonderful memories of my experiences as a student nurse, 1946-1949. The book is available at bookstores, on Amazon and eBay. The name of the book is *Wild Violets* and the author's name is my married name, Alma Arthur.



I was thrilled to read a 5-star review of *Wild Violets* on Amazon.com by a Charity Hospital nurse who said that she was born the year I was finishing my three-year RN program in 1949. She loved the whole book, but especially about my experiences at Charity. She became a Charity RN also. Her name was **Madeline Giroir '70** and she gave me a wonderful critique!

Some of the best times of my life were spent in the three years I was at Charity."

Betty Baker Geck '50 *(Tampa, FL)*: "I started at CHSN on June 30, 1947. And I still love hearing about the activities at Charity! *The White Cap* is a wonderful way to keep in touch. At the ripe old age of 83, I have so many fond memories of Charity!"

Marion Thibodaux Gatti '54 *(Metairie, LA)*: "Thanks for the Charity *Alumni News*. Brings back lots of memories of happy days!"

Marlene Smith Chadwick '55 *(Hammondsport, NY)*: "My Charity roommate, **Pauline Carter** and I came to the 2010 Homecoming and had a wonderful time. We were the only ones from the Class of 1955 but enjoyed visiting with alumni from other classes. There is a wide time span of Charity graduates with common memories. It's sad the recent graduates miss the joy of dorm life. God willing, we hope to come to Homecoming 2015.

Pauline still lives in Florida while I am well settled in upstate New York. Our village of Hammondsport tied for first place in a contest sponsored by *Budget Travel* magazine for the title of 'Coolest Small Town in America' in 2012. It is a great little village located on Keuka Lake.

Top: Marlene Smith and Pauline Carter in 1952; Below, together again at Homecoming in 2010.

My husband and I are active in the community and I use my nursing skills as a volunteer with the Red Cross and Project CARE. One skill that was drummed into us in school was the ratio formula for figuring dosages. I still use that for countless things – recipes, calculating pan or room size, etc. Another valuable skill I learned at Charity allows me to play bridge every week! Thanks to all of you who keep the Alumni Association going and keep us informed about Charity. I do enjoy getting the news in *The White Cap*."

Beverly Lepre Epling '58 *(Winter Haven, FL)*: "I keep in touch by e-mail with several of my CHSN classmates, like **Lorrie Lang Jackson**, **Evelyn Schroeder**, **Jody Jacobs Klein**, **Elaine Bodin Bond**, **Dorothy Turberville Stuckey**, **Cecile Ginger Andry** and of course my own sister, **Beulah Lepre Oswald Soto**, from class of 1955. I last saw them all two years ago at our small class reunion in October. One of my daughters has her BSN from LSU School of Nursing and her husband has a sister and mother who are both Charity grads. The influence of our school reaches out into almost every state and quite a few different countries around the globe. Thanks for helping me to keep in touch. Take care and be at peace."

Patricia Higgins Russell '58 *(Kansas City, MO)*: "Please tell my darling class that they were and are the best and I treasured my time with them. I LOVE CHARITY HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING. It changed and helped my entire life in such a positive way. Nurses learn about the value of human life and caring and helping and healing the body and soul. The health profession is better for the Charity Hospital School of Nursing RNs. And the world is better for our training being put into practice. I

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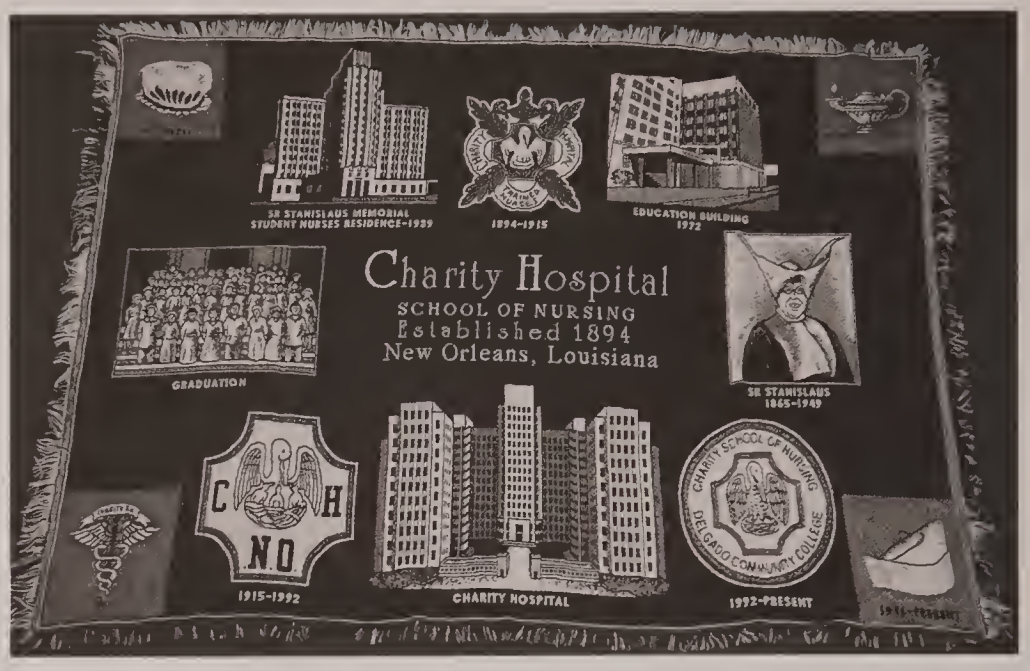
CHSN Alumni Association

Mementos to Order



Charity Afghan A truly beautiful blue and white woven throw with iconic images of Charity. **$60**

Sister Stanislaus Memorial Print A captivating original print featuring the Sister Stanislaus Memorial building watched over by ethereal Daughters of Charity in their distinctive winged caps. Full-color, printed on medium-weight glossy stock. Signed and numbered by artist Mary Etta Holiday. 11" by 14". **$25**

Charity Event Cushion/Blanket A slender, yet surprisingly comfortable seat cushion whose quiet elegance makes it perfect to slip discreetly beneath your tush, and since it looks like a tote, it doesn't scream "seat cushion" as you carry it around. Two big pockets hold your stuff and it quickly unzips into a generously sized blanket, water-resistant on one side and cozy blue fleece on the other. Perfect to spread on the grass, wrap up on a chilly evening, or protect you from an unexpected drizzle. Keep in your car and always be prepared! Black with white logo. **$30**

Charity Messenger Bag Great for toting a laptop, books or file folders. Sling it by the shoulder strap or grab the convenient hand-grips. Zipper-closed for security. Exterior mesh pockets. Gray, blue and black, white logo. **$25**

Commemorative Brick Order a brick for yourself, or as a gift, in memory of a classmate or teacher, for your class or organization! You also receive a certificate suitable for framing. The Commemorative Brick Wall is located in the courtyard off the nursing school lobby, and will preserve those memories for years to come! Maximum of three lines with 20 characters per line. (If you want all caps, only 16 letters will fit per line.) Spaces and punctuation count as characters. All lines will be centered on the brick. **$100**

Please send me:

____ Afghan @ **$60**
____ Sr. Stanislaus Mem. Print @ **$25**
____ Event Cushion/Blanket @ **$30**
____ Messenger Bag @ **$25**
____ Commemorative Brick @ **$100**

TOTAL ENCLOSED = $_____

Prices include shipping and handling.

PLEASE MAIL TO:

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zipcode_____

Mail this form with your check to: **CHSN Alumni Association, 450 South Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112**
or order online at **www.CharityAlumni.org**

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love you all and my wonderful memories. Keep the tradition going. Our families need us, our community needs us, the world needs us. Nursing is a great profession. WE CARE. God bless all of you, alumni!"

Rosemary Hathorn Holmes '62 (*Zephyr, TX)*: "As always, I really enjoy my alumni newsletter! Thanks so very, very much! And thanks to Charity for being in my life for over 50 years! I have been blessed!"

Bethany Simon Arnau '67 *(Kaplan, LA)*: "I fell in early January 2013, refractured my right elbow replacement and required 3+ hours of surgery. Much bedrest, much pain medication, not to mention some possible cardiac problems. I will be celebrating 46 years since graduation in May 2013 and until my fall I had been working three 12-hour shifts or more per week, for the last five or six years and hoped to do the same until my 50th anniversary in May 2017. But all I can do for now is put it all in God's hands because I have no doubt that HE has a plan for me."

Jacqueline Henry Terrell '67 *(Glendale, MO)*: "I was so sorry to hear about Sister Blanche! She was in the sister home near me, only three hours away, and I wrote to her and she said to stop by when I came over to Kentucky. I am so sorry that I delayed my visit. One must not delay these things. I have a daughter in the Peace Corps in Swaziland, Africa. She is educating the people there about HIV prevention - and she is learning to live in a hut without running water! Keep *The White Cap* on paper - I do enjoy it so much when it arrives."

Patti Rouchon Burcham '70 *(Destin, FL)*: "I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the Board Members who make it possible to continue the Alumni legacy. I was saddened to read the news of Sally Cooper's passing. She was an incredible person and I feel so honored to have known her during my education at CHSN."

Patti Millet Ellish '74 earned a bachelor's degree from the College of St. Francis and a Master's in Health Administration from Tulane University. She began her career at West Jefferson Hospital, ultimately rising to Director of Nursing. In 1996, she became Vice-President and CEO of the Memorial Health System of East Texas. She returned to Louisiana in 2000 as the first female President and CEO of St. Tammany Parish Hospital in Covington. Patti was named the 2005 Young Leadership Council Role Model of the Year; *New Orleans Magazine* Top Ten Female Achievers for 2004; and 2002 and 2008 Woman of the Year by New Orleans Publishing Group.

Debby Montalbano Keating Jolissaint '81 *(Woodstock, MD)*: "My husband retired from the Army (30 years) last year. As an Army Spouse and Military Mom, I have traveled the world, raised five children and worked at many military and civilian hospitals. I am honored to serve as a case manager to the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine service members who were injured while serving their country in Afghanistan. Currently, I am a Family Nurse Practitioner Candidate at Catholic University of America, in Washington DC. I work full time and attend school part time. Expected date of graduation May 2014. I volunteer as a nurse with an organization called Our Lady of Lourdes Volunteers. The organization takes very sick pilgrims to Lourdes, France, four times a year to provide prayer, peace and healing."

Joell Ackerman '84 *(Okemos, MI)*: "Thanks so much for sharing memories of Sally Cooper – what a doer! What a positive role model of someone who gave and always did her personal best. I know she will be greatly missed. Even though I am far away from New Orleans, I always love hearing about Charity. Keep up the good work and may God continue to bless us all."

Teresa Sundell-Bahrd Olkowski '88 *(Winter Haven, FL)*: "After graduating I worked in Pensacola in Med-Surg for two years managing big case loads and complicated patients. Charity had prepared me well for anything that came my way. Then I got into home healthcare, loved it, and stayed with it for eight years. Then I went back to school and got my Masters and Nurse Practitioner certification in Gerontology. I have worked with the elderly since then and now work in hospice. It is satisfying to help those who can't help themselves and to bring relief to those who are suffering. Everything I have achieved in my nursing career has been due to the excellent teaching I received at Charity. Even life lessons: I remember one instructor telling me that work was the best way to get through a bad day – and it still holds true. I treasure my days at Charity and wish I had kept up with my classmates. I love getting the newsletter!"

Tonia Chauvin '92 *(Thibodaux, LA)*: "I love my mailbox bank so much! It's a daily reminder of what helped me get through nursing school – my hubby's love letters that I received in my mailbox. Class of '92 – Last of the Best!"

Patrick Gerard Oncale '93 *(New Orleans, LA)* earned his Master of Science in Health Care Management from the University of New Orleans, graduating in December 2012.

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2013 CHSNAA Calendar of Events

Tuesday, August 13
Board Meeting 4:00 PM
School of Nursing, 6th floor Faculty Lounge

Friday, Sept. 20
Deadline for Reservations
for Alumni Breakfast

Saturday, Sept. 28
Alumni Breakfast
Royal Palm, 1901 Manhattan Blvd
See page 22 for details.

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Rebecca Sudduth '04 *(Milwaukee, WI)*: "In August 2012, I earned my MSN from the University of Virginia in Public Health Nursing Leadership. I currently work as an ER nurse in Milwaukee. In 2013, to celebrate earning my degree, I plan to hike the 2,650 mile Pacific Coast Trail. That is the same trail that the author Cheryl Strayed wrote about in her bestselling book *Wild*."

Goldie Baker Huguenel '56, **Gretchen Delo '86**, **Angela Davis-Collins '93** and **Bryan Fagot '97** are four Charity graduates profiled in *The American Nurse,* a new book which features interviews and photographs of 75 nurses from across the United States, including eight from the Interim LSU Public Hospital. The book is available online at **AmericanNurseProject.com.**

Natasha Gill '07 *(Pearl River, LA)* was honored with the DAISY Award from Ochsner North Shore in Slidell for her outstanding patient care. The DAISY (Diseases Attacking the Immune System) Award for Extraordinary Nurses was created by the family of J. Patrick Barnes, who died of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Puprura, to recognize the skillful and compassionate care he received from his nurses. Ochsner's CEO states, "Natasha embodies what it means to be a nurse with her tireless commitment to patients and their families." Natasha works in the Infusion Center at Ochsner North Shore.

Class of 1963

Priscilla "Pris" Bolles Arrol '63 *(Arcola, IL)*: "I married a family practice physician and settled in a small town in Illinois. I worked as a nurse in his office, then took a leave of absence to raise our four children. The youngest died in 1975 of acute myelogenous leukemia at age 2½. After our kids were grown, I returned to college and became a travel agent. I did that for a couple of years then returned to my husband's practice to do insurance claims until he retired 6 years ago."

Camella "Cam" Patti Christensen '63 *(Medford, OR)*: "I was so sorry to miss the reunion. I had just been in Louisiana a few weeks earlier for a wedding and didn't think I could go right back. I regretted that decision as soon as the weekend approached. Hope to see you all at the Charity Homecoming in 2015."

Madeleine "Max" Moreau Crawford '63 *(New Orleans, LA)*: "If you look in the 1961 yearbook in the 'Play' section for April, my husband is the guitar player to the far right. I did not know him then, nor did I ever think I would marry a musician!! We celebrate our 49th anniversary this October. Is that serendipity?? After graduation I worked Med-Surg at CHNO for one year, then transferred to Ochsner Clinic for a year after Dennis and I married. I became a stay-at-home mom, but in 1990, with three children in college, I returned to work for ten years in a Cardiology Office. Dennis and I love to travel and have enjoyed many European and domestic trips. Our children and their families are all healthy and happy. We are so blessed and grateful for our beautiful life. I am so happy to be reconnecting with my dear classmates."

Susan Edden Brooks Davis '63 *(Jacksonville, FL)*: "After my home town roommate quit at Thanksgiving of our first year I had the good fortune to room with **Elsie Gena Goudeau '63**. We were together for the remainder of our three years. She was my Maid of Honor when I married before graduation. We remained friends for many years, lost contact as our families grew, then got back in touch. We visited New Orleans many times. Gena passed away last year from kidney cancer. I miss her and know that she would have enjoyed every minute of our reunion.

My marriage lasted for 10½ years and ended in divorce. We had one son, who has blessed me with two wonderful grandchildren. The majority of my nursing experience was in the OR with brief stints in ICU, Coding, and Education. I also joined the Army Reserves, serving 20 years. I got my BSN just before the Army sent me to Germany during Desert Storm. I retired from nursing after 41 years. After 31 years of single life, I married a friend from high school, Frank Davis. Never dreamed I'd have a wonderful man to grow old with. We are living in the same house in Jacksonville where I lived during high school, have a motor home and enjoy traveling around the country. We had a wonderful time at the reunion! Frank really enjoyed visiting with the husbands that attended. What an enjoyable time."

Saundra Deaton '63 with her granddaughter.

Saundra Mallory Deaton '63 *(Lafayette, LA)*: "After graduation, I worked at Our Lady of the Lake in Baton Rouge, and then at Iberia General in my hometown of New Iberia. I moved to New Orleans and was one of three nurses chosen by Sister Adrian to open an Intensive Care Unit. We were

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sent to St Paul's Hospital in Dallas for training and opened the unit in a regular ward until the ICU was built. We had to work all three shifts until we could hire and train more nurses. It was an exciting time!

I left after two years to travel in Europe. I met my ex-husband - he was in the Air Force in Iceland at the time, but we moved to New Orleans and I worked while he completed his Masters. We moved to Oklahoma for twelve years of joy, tragedy and sadness. We divorced after 19 years of marriage and the kids and I moved to Lafayette. I worked at Our Lady of Lourdes until I retired in 2005. In 2008 I begin working at Lafayette Surgical Specialty Hospital writing and revising Policies and Procedures and assisting with Joint Commission initiatives. I make my own schedule and take off whenever I want to - my dream job! My grand-daughter just turned six and is the joy of my life!! I have wonderful friends and we have great times together. We go on trips whenever we can and my sister calls us 'The Festival Queens' - you know in Acadiana there is a Festival or some kind of musical venue every weekend!"

Simone Castille Flair '63 *(Kalua, HI)*: "As a small town girl from Breaux Bridge, my years spent at CHSN made a big impact on my life. I loved living in the dorm, meeting girls from different places and taking part in all of the activities. I have many fond memories of those three years. Bob and I married four days after my graduation, and he whisked me off on a honeymoon to Hawaii where we have spent most of our married life - 50 years in August! My most challenging time was the year that Bob was in Vietnam, and I was in Hawaii with 3 small children - ages 1, 2 and 3. I did some volunteer work for the Red Cross early on, and continue to be an active volunteer at Straub Hospital (over 35 years now)! I'm also a Hospital Minister for our Church, and see the Catholic patients in our local hospital once a week (25 years). Bob and I began traveling years ago, and have seen most of the world. Our most recent trip was to Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, and Montenegro. We love visiting new places and learning about the people there. Bob is retired now; we are both in good health and stay active. Aloha!"

Peggy Begnaud Johns '63 *(Gretna, LA)*: "I worked at Charity and Touro in Peds. Moved to Baton Rouge for David to get his degree and we were married in 1964. He was a blind date Barbara Hanford set me up with. Worked at Our Lady of the Lake in BR until he graduated. Moved back to NO and worked at Ochsner. Then worked for a surgeon until I got pregnant. Did the stay-at-home mom for 16 years. At 48, I went back to work. Started in out-patient dialysis - did that for a year. Worked at Meadowcrest Hospital on the Westbank for almost 15; worked prn in endoscopy; finished up working for a female gastroenterologist in her office. Retired at 65. Really would have liked to continue working but David was already retired and wanted someone to play with. We are enjoying retirement. Go to the fitness center three times a week, love going to lunch, and usually go across the river to walk several times a week. We have three grands - thank goodness they are all in town so we see them often."

Dorothee "Dottee" Delatte Kochsiek '63 *(Milton, LA)*: "I worked at Charity for four years, then married Alan and moved to Argentina for the next three years. Our next home was Lafayette, LA, where we have resided since 1970. Have one daughter, son-in-law, grand-daughter and grandson. I didn't work the first nineteen years of marriage, then spent 23 years at Abbeville General Hospital before retiring five years ago."

Janet Callanen Leake '63 *(Fort Myers, FL)*: "Hunter and I were married September 1963. He did his internship at Charity while I worked on Med/Surg. Then he became a Flight Surgeon with the Navy for four years in Pensacola where our two children were born. From there, on to Dallas where Hunter did his Peds residency; New Jersey for brief pharmaceutical job; Kansas City where he taught for many years at KU; Franklin, LA, for a few years in a small private practice. We ended up in Ft. Myers in 1984 where he joined a large private pediatric practice. I think we're here to stay! We have two children, and three grandchildren. After the children were in school I had numerous jobs: research jobs, office nursing, Child Protection Team, and eventually 10 years here in Fort Myers as a NICU nurse. Hunter and I both retired in 1999. Since then Hunter had a stroke, and head and neck cancer. He has no residual from the stroke and has been in remission about 12 years. He's back to his writing and finally has a bit of energy. (And praise God, he can drive). I presently work one day a week running one of my son's flower markets. The rest of the time I spend helping with the grandchildren, and I love being a gran! Who would have thought I'd be carpooling at age 70? I am so blessed to be healthy and in a position to be of assistance. I am happily very busy."

Leona Lipari Lee '63 *(Bay St. Louis, MS)*: "My partner Jerry asked why I was having so much trouble writing a short bio for the Class of '63 reunion. He said: 'You graduated, you married the love of your life. You had a son, you adopted a daughter. You worked as a psychiatric nurse. You went back to school, got a degree in psychology, then a Masters in English. You wrote all this

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time. You were a wife, a mother, a grandmother of two great kids and then your husband died, suddenly and too young. You survived Katrina, took a trip to Europe a year after the storm where you met me and lived happily ever after.' That would be one way to sum it up. But the fifty years since I graduated from Charity is a period of love gained, love lost and love regained. So many family members and friends lost - including my wonderful husband, Michael Lee, who died in 2003. And the people who came into my life: my newest grandchild, only two years old, my partner Jerry and his seven children and ten grandchildren. New friends and family.

So much has happened in my life since Charity. And I have written about it, in my fiction and non-fiction. My book, *Jude's Bench* is a fictionalized account of my life. My Sisters Series are comedies/capers involving mature women from Louisiana who travel and reflect the humor and love I feel for my own sisters.

The book I am really proud of is *How To Survive Menopause Without Going Crazy*. I could never have written this book without a nursing background - and I am so glad I got that RN from Charity! I wrote it years ago and it has been revised several times. Now our daughters are reading it. It is still available on Amazon and Kindle.

To view all my works, please go to my page on Amazon: **amazon.com/author/lllee.**"

Leona Lipari Lee '63

Lynn Boesiger Mary '63 *(New Orleans, LA)*: "Reading Simone's note about being from the country brings back a memory of our first days at school. I was in awe of how diverse our class must be, having drawn girls from as far as New York and Europe. Just listening to everyone was so interesting. As it turned out, we were not so far from home after all. Embarrassingly, it was only my inability to recognize local accents - go Breaux Bridge and Chalmette! I married Charles Mary shortly after graduation in December 1963, and we have five children. They make us happy and proud. Four of the five married and lived in New Orleans until Katrina. After the storm, one of our boys moved his family to Australia. So, we have three kids in town with nine of fourteen grands - including eight girls. I had sewn for myself for years but lately I've learned to do smocking, and I love every minute. Charlie was Director of Charity from 1972 -74. In fact, our last two children were born there. To quote him, 'How would it look if you went somewhere else to deliver?' At the time, it was not my sentiment! However, my youngest daughter had the distinction of being the only LSU medical student in her class to be born at Charity.

My nursing career was limited to about a year in the newborn nursery working under Tallulah Vautier. (Do you remember her…long red fingernails and temper blazing against the interns, residents, and us?) She defended her babies, her technique and her nursery against the world. Between 1968 and 1976, I was a happy stay-at-home mom. When Charlie went into private practice, I managed his office. He had a solo practice until 1998 when he suffered a stroke after an auto accident. Believe me, instant retirement didn't set well with him. Doctors who think that they'll work forever are not happy people when it ends abruptly. He is still resentful that he did not choose the date! Thankfully, he has adjusted... we've adjusted. So, if there is anything 'good' about a stroke, it's that we've learned to slow down and take the time to appreciate every day. He has also gotten to know his grandchildren - probably better than he knew his own kids. We travel as much as we can and celebrate being together. Between his cane and brace and my bad knees, we're just slower 'celebrators' than we used to be!"

Yvonne Gauthier McGaha '63 *(Abita Springs, LA)*: "I was so fortunate to attend Charity Hospital School of Nursing with my good friend Madeleine Moreau (now Crawford) whom I had known since early childhood. We shared a dorm room throughout our three years at Charity. Our group of friends formed a bond and we had such good times in the dorm… including smoking (who knew at that time??), ordering Little Jane's fried chicken (delivery by the same little guy on a bike), removing those starched uniforms and hanging out in our slips, laughing and crying with each other and fixing each other up with blind dates. Which brings me to my blind date, Billy McGaha, who was a rookie cop when I met him, and here we are getting ready to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in August. Thank you, Madeleine!! Billy and I were blessed with four wonderful children, and 7 fantastic grandchildren. God has certainly smiled on us. Billy retired as a police Captain and I retired to care for my grandchildren several years ago. We now live on 5 acres of rural land in beautiful Abita Springs, LA.

As to my nursing career, I started working at Charity and after the birth of each child, I moved on to a different area of nursing that would allow me to spend more time with family. I worked part-time at Ochsner, in a surgeon's office, in public health and my last 18 years of nursing were spent as a school nurse in Orleans Parish. It was in that capacity that I had the greatest impact on the lives of children and parents through my interaction with them by

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counseling and many health and wellness programs. I like to think that my students are those that you hear good things about in the news!

I love to travel and have seen much of the US, but my highlight of travel happened last summer. I traveled to Indonesia to visit my daughter and her family who are living in Jakarta. I spent a month where I witnessed some of the wealthiest and some of the poorest people I have ever seen. It was certainly an eye-opener to see a completely different culture. We spent a week on the beautiful island of Bali enjoying the surf and sand, the beautiful sunsets, the many Hindu temples and cultural programs. I was able to scratch off one of the activities on my bucket list when I rode an elephant!! I took a tumble down some rather steep steps and fractured my sacrum on Superbowl Sunday, Feb 3. I am slowly recovering. Not sure if I will be able to complete another activity on my bucket list which was to zipline through a tropical forest!

What a super time we had at our reunion!! Thanks again to Penny for all of the communication and to Madeleine and Dorothy for their wonderful hospitality. We are a pretty good looking group considering 50 years have passed since our 'prime.' Lee and I stayed at Madeleine's condo Saturday night and stayed up chatting until quite late. Dottee joined us for a while, too. We rehashed everything about the day and then talked about old times in the dorm and hospital. The next day was Palm Sunday and we attended a beautiful mass at **St. Joseph's Church** on Tulane Ave, the same church that we attended and walked to from the dorm every Sunday. The church is magnificent and rivals some of the great European churches. We topped it off with a great lunch at a little cafe near the condo. We left with a tear in our eyes and a heart full of memories. Hoping that we will get together for more of these events!"

Mary "Bettie" Unsworth Nolin '63 *(Bossier City, LA)*: "So sorry to hear of Sally Cooper's death. I really did like her. I retired from nursing in 2000. In 2001, I lost weight with Weight Watchers and have been working as a leader with WW since 2002. I really enjoy keeping my weight off - being healthy and active. I have been married 48 years, have a daughter and son and six grandchildren. I would have loved to attend our class's 50th reunion but already had a trip planned. I loved Charity and never regret my time there. So many great memories. I still have my cap and cape! Love the newsletter!"

Brenda Rabren Putman '63 *(Pensacola, FL)*: "I worked as a nurse in Alabama, Florida and California for a short time. My husband and I owned an optical store in

Brenda Rabren Putman and Penny Kistler Tolchin '63

Pensacola, FL, for 39 years. We just retired. I have one son who now owns the business, a daughter who lives in Brooklyn and is a teacher, a son-in-law and a grand-daughter. Been married 49 years. My best Charity memory is a graduation gift of a book called *Leaves of Gold*. It was from my roomie. Thinking about my days at Charity, I realize that they were some of the best of my life. The experiences. The people. My only regret is that I have lost touch with my friends over time. Thanks for the memories to all who were part of my Charity days."

Penny Kistler Tolchin '63 *(LaMesa, CA)*: "At this special time, 50 years after graduating from Charity Hospital School of Nursing we reflect on those things most important to us along our journey through life. *True wisdom lies in gathering the precious things out of each day as it goes by. - E.S. Bouton*

For me the most precious things are: my husband Sid and our family of three daughters, 4 step-sons, eight grandchildren and in July a great-grand-daughter; a mother and father who worked hard to support our family of five and, after my baby brother's accident, established 'on a shoe-string' the Kistler Center for the disabled that has grown to serve thousands in Arkansas and beyond, and been a model for self-sacrifice in order to serve others. And friendships, some of the best of which began in the dorm and classrooms at Charity.

How young we were then. What fun we had! How well we served others and, with the help of our mentors, reinforced good values that have enhanced our own lives and those within our influence. The depth of what we learned about cultures, hardships, caring and making a difference. What an eye-opening place New Orleans was for us mostly sheltered small-town girls!

Age does not make us childish, as they say, it only finds us true children still. - Goethe

I was the oldest of five and, in sixth grade, I was taller

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than any boy in high school. When one of the nuns got sick they chose me to substitute: in eighth grade, I was teaching second grade! (This lasted longer than anyone anticipated and at the end I no longer wanted to be a teacher! On to nursing...) Perhaps it was this early, enforced maturity that has kept me a kid at heart through life. My wish is that none of us ever outgrows the wonder of each unfolding day and the honest, open-hearted approach to others that we find appealing in children.

There are two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle. - Albert Einstein

Experiences in nature are an important part of my life: Girl Scouting through high school and tending a newly designated state park, marking trails and building encampments; singing and sharing around a campfire; leading the first patrol from Arkansas to attend the GS International Round-up; family camping and backpacking; opening horizons to each of our grandchildren through adventure trips to environmental learning centers in Minnesota, Utah, Canada. Supporting precious environments through current volunteer work. To paraphrase John Muir: *Keep close to Nature's heart and wash your spirit clean.*

My husband of almost nineteen years, Sid, is a retired neurosurgeon who has been flying since he was 16 and in 1987 built an experimental airplane out of fiberglass: Long-EZ 12ET. Sid flew it over the Arctic Circle to Ireland to make a house call on a patient for whom he had removed a huge brain tumor (they don't do cranioplasties in Ireland nor do they do adequate follow-up when one has had one). Of note: Sid also did the first surgery at the South Pole when he was leader in 1958 of the Navy Operation Deep Freeze support team for International Geophysical Year scientific studies at the Pole. I mention this because it allows me to call him 'bipolar.' Now, during retirement, he works with Trio Avionics on the 'nervous systems' of experimental airplanes. I got my pilot's license in 1988.

I retired after 30 years as Risk Manager in a 14,000+ employee healthcare organization (Sharp HealthCare) in June 2010. After total refurbishment of the EZ in 2011 we flew it cross-country over the midlands visiting friends and relatives and back again over the northern route of the United States to San Diego. Sid flew the EZ to New Orleans for the reunion.

It is good to have an end to journey towards; but it is the journey that matters in the end. – Ursula le Guin

Thank you CHSN Class of 1963 for being an important part of my journey."

Penny Tolchin '63 (right) and husband Sid set to fly.

In Memoriam

Evelyn Aline Graves Boyet '34 (12/23/12)
Juliette Lafond Kaufman '34 (1/22/10)
Aline E. Lafond '41 (11/10/12)
Roma Grinnell '42 (9/21/12)
Miriam Anglada Crowley '46 (4/11/13)
Anne Marie Hansen Rogers '46 (3/12/13)
Gwendolyn Langton Clifton '47 (9/26/12)
Joyce Truax Wattigny '47 (2/22/11)
Dorothy Truman Bassett '48 (10/25/11)
Natalie Yovanovitch Geier '49 (12/25/11)
Virginia Conrad Giesen '49 (10/29/12)
Betty Buquet Baye '50 (11/4/12)
Margie Byrnes Rosche '50 (3/17/13)
Joyce Askew '52 (1/11/13)
Barbara "Bobbie" Bourgeois Chutz '55 (11/11/12)
Delores Delan Gilbert '58 (12/11/10)
Ruth Brink Wallace '59 (1/6/13)
Grace Bullock Wilson '59 (9/10/22)
Theresa Marchese '65 (4/19/13)
Mary Benoit Kleibert '68 (12/10/12)
Barbara Zafereo Feagins '69 (10/3/12)
Ida Swafford '72 (6/2011)
Patricia Templet Catrou '73 (5/22/12)
Barbara Manning Cramer '77 (4/12/13)
Charlene "Renee" Walters Darling '82 (*unknown*)
Cherie Ann Deroche Meyers '92 (10/21/12)
Jacqueline Hingle Noveh Rose '93 (12/17/12)
Bradley Graham '00 (12/28/11)
Brian Fazekas '12 (1/1/13)
Jean Douglas Callahan (2/26/13)
Catherine "Cay" Bush Perry, faculty (4/14/13)

Goodbyes

Evelyn Graves Boyet '34 died on December 23, 2012 at the age of 100 ½ years. She was the descendent of pioneering families and loved to tell stories of early life in Washington Parish and of train rides through Louisiana in the 1920s. She graduated from CHSN in 1934. As a Mississippi Public Health Nurse during the Great Depression, she traveled throughout the Mississippi Delta, frequently by horse and buggy. In the 1970s, after years as a stay-at-home mom, she renewed her career as a nurse at the Bogalusa Medical Center and served there for many years. She was an accomplished artist and award-winning floral designer.

"My great aunt **Aline E. Lafond '41** died on November 10, 2012 at the age of 92. After graduating from CHSN in June 1941, Aline worked for a short stent as a public health nurse in Louisiana before enlisting in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. She served three years as a surgical nurse in combat field hospitals in North Africa and Italy. After the war, she attained a Masters in Social Work at St. Louis University and worked at the Veterans Administration in Rapides Parish, LA, for over 40 years. She had fond memories of Charity Hospital, the School of Nursing and its alumni.

Aline enjoyed attending the alumni reunions with her sister, **Juliette Lafond Kaufman '34**. Juliette, my grandmother, also graduated from CHSN, as well as the Charity School of Anesthesiology. She was the house anesthetist for Charity Hospital from 1934 to 1937. Juliette died January 22, 2010."
- by William H.L. Kaufman

In July 2012, **Anne Marie Hansen Rogers '46**, asked her friend Joyce Burns '46 to do her a favor - take her cape and donate it to the Alumni Association. Joyce says, "It meant a lot to Anne Marie to know that her cape was with the alumni," and would continue to be treasured by Charity graduates. Anne Marie passed away in March 2013, and in her obituary, in lieu of flowers, her family asked that donations be made to the CHSN Alumni Association. We are touched and honored that Anne Marie and her family thought so much of our organization. Donations received in Anne Marie's memory will be used to award a graduation pin to an outstanding Charity student. The student will also receive a certificate stating that the award is in memory of Anne Marie and made possible by donations from her friends.

Brian J. Fazekas '12 graduated from Charity School of Nursing in December 2012, but passed away suddenly on January 1, 2013. He was 42 years old. Brian moved to New Orleans to work as a carpenter restoring houses. He earned an associate's degree in Industrial Manufacturing Technology from Delgado, and was known for helping out family, friends and even strangers, especially after Hurricane Katrina. He enjoyed any outdoor activity including biking, hiking, camping, and swimming.

Brian was very interested in the medical field, and he became licensed as an EMT, working for New Orleans Emergency Medical Services where he was a member of the Bicycle Medic Team. Later he decided to enroll in Charity School of Nursing. Brian wrote, "I wanted more out of life and decided to become a nurse. Every experience in nursing school has affirmed my desire to be the best, most engaged nurse I can be."

Brian was one of 350 nursing students chosen from more than 11,000 applicants across the country for a scholarship from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He was also awarded the Jeansonne Scholarship from the CHSN Alumni Association.

The faculty described Brian as having "a genial disposition and a compassionate heart.... many students sought his advice, and many shared their appreciation of his pleasant, encouraging, motivating, and inspirational attitude." A member of Sigma Alpha Chi, Brian diligently volunteered his services to tutor other students.

It is difficult to describe the effect Brian's generous spirit had on those who knew him, but his loss was keenly felt by the Charity community because he touched so many lives there. Students, faculty and staff have joined together to honor Brian by raising funds to install a bike rack and to landscape the front of the Education Building and the courtyard off the lobby. They are waging a spirited "Penny War" competition between the different classes and the faculty to raise the most money.

Since many of Brian's friends and his classmates are now graduates and not participating in the "Penny Wars," a collection of alumni donations has been started to install a brick in Brian's honor on the Commemorative Brick Wall at the school. If you would like to contribute toward a brick for Brian, you can use the form on page 23, or just send a check to: CHSN Alumni Association, 450 South Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112.

Tribute to Ruth Brink Wallace '59

By Maxine Blackmon Jones '59, RN, DSN

Ruth was well known to generations of Charity students, staff and alumni, and she will be missed by her many friends. The ***Class of '59*** *has made a generous donation of $450 to honor her memory. This donation will be used to award Charity graduation pins to students of high academic and clinical achievement. We very much appreciate that her classmates have chosen this way to honor Ruth's memory. Because of this generous gift, Ruth will continue to touch lives here at Charity.*

I first met Ruth Brink in September 1956, when we entered Charity Hospital School of Nursing. Our class had about 100 students enrolled so we were divided alphabetically into two sections - Groups A and B. Ruth and I were assigned to Group A and, since my last name at that time was Blackmon, I was often seated near Ruth. I quickly got to know her and even then I could appreciate her drive for excellence. Ruth had come from Florida along with her close friend, Sally Cooper. They were eight to ten years older than most of us who were enrolled in that class. Both immediately became leaders due, in part, to their previous work experiences as well as their serious pursuit of outstanding scholarship.

Ruth was the highest achieving scholar in the class of 9-10-59. That was quite an accomplishment because there were many outstanding students in that class. I recall that Ruth usually scored 95-100 on most of her exams. When we had exam reviews where correct answers to exam questions were discussed, Ruth attended to discover why she had missed the few items that she got incorrect. I have spent most of my nursing career in academia and I don't recall another student in Ruth's category who did a similar thing.

Ruth led our class as president for the entire three years we were in nursing school. One project we accomplished under Ruth's leadership was to raise sufficient funds to install air-conditioning in the school library. In those days, the School of Nursing was cooled only with ceiling fans. Our class put on talent shows to raise funds for the A/C project, and we discovered that several of our classmates had outstanding singing voices and comedic abilities. Two of our classmates had lived in Hawaii and they performed an outstanding "Hula Dance."

I recall that in our laboratory experiences we were assigned partners where we learned to make beds, give baths, take vital signs, and perform a variety of procedures on each other. Ruth and her friend Sally would often refer to their lab partners as "Partner" rather than their actual names. That ritual of calling each other "Partner" continued beyond graduation.

Ruth worked as the registrar at the School of Nursing while her friend of many years, Sally Cooper, was the Director of the School of Nursing. Ruth recalled to me that on those rare occasions when the two of them disagreed on some course of action that was needed in the school, Sally would emphatically remind Ruth that Sally was indeed the director and Sally's decision was the final word. Their friendship remained intact and strong despite those episodes.

I think one of the first positions Ruth worked in after graduation was the operating room. Ruth often chose work positions where she was able to achieve exactness. In my opinion, her numerous years as the registrar in the Charity School of Nursing reflect the pursuit of exactness.

Ruth kept in touch with class members over the years and led us to hold several class reunions, many in conjunction with the School of Nursing Homecoming events. I remember that Ruth was always so glad to see all of us, especially those who lived out of town and who returned to New Orleans for those reunions. She always greeted us with huge bear hugs. As her health declined in later years she experienced immense joy when she received a letter, phone call, visit or email from a fellow class member.

Ruth married Charlie Wallace after graduation and they were blessed by the birth of two sons, David and Paul. Ruth was proud of these young men who became responsible adults and helped to care for her as her health deteriorated. Ruth's younger son, Paul, and his wife live in New Orleans. I recall on one occasion Ruth told me that she had noticed a decline in her ability to manage her check book, but Paul's wife stepped in to handle that for her. David and his wife have a daughter and a son who brought great joy to Ruth's life in later years after she moved to New Hampshire to be near them.

I admired Ruth's leadership, her friendliness, her big heart, her professionalism, and her pursuit of excellence. I became a better student because I was challenged by Ruth's academic achievement. She contributed immeasurably to the profession of nursing, and especially to the class of 9-10-59. Our hearts have an empty spot that cannot be filled because of her death. We miss her! I will always miss her!

Where Are They Now?:

Carmouche Sisters... Nurses All!

By Ann Dieck '80, RN MSN, MHA, CNOR

Five little girls - Corinne, Alice, Margaret, Delores (Dee) and Shirley - grew up together playing school and dreaming of the future. As they left their childhood dreams behind, faced with a career choice, New Orleans is fortunate that the eldest sister chose to attend Charity Hospital School of Nursing. She graduated in 1968, opening a door to nursing through which all four of her sisters would follow. Over the next thirteen years all the Carmouche girls would attend our great school – four would graduate and practice as Registered Nurses while one would leave Charity before graduation but go on to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse. These five women have touched the lives of countless patients in our city and have proudly carried on the Charity Hospital School of Nursing legacy.

Leadership Part of Their DNA

Corinne Carmouche graduated in 1968. After working in the Well Baby Nursery at Big Charity, she was challenged to continue her education and earn a degree as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. As a PNP she played an integral role in the founding of Charity Hospital New Orleans' first Pediatric Emergency Department. Her success catapulted her into even greater opportunities, and in keeping with her pioneer spirit, she went on to open the NICU at Lakeside Hospital in Metairie.

Alice Carmouche graduated in 1972 and, like her sister before her, launched her professional calling in the Well Baby Nursery at Big Charity. While there she also worked in the NICU and eventually became the Head Nurse of the PICU. Before too long, Alice decided to join Corinne at Lakeside. In keeping with the Carmouche ability to lead, and mirroring her sister before her, Alice eventually assumed the role of nurse manager of the same NICU and Well Baby Nursery started by her sister years before. Alice is currently the Nurse Manager of the infant/toddler unit of Children's Hospital of New Orleans.

Margaret Carmouche graduated as a LPN. Following the path of Corinne and Alice, Margaret began her career at Charity New Orleans; but this time the Carmouche sister started out in the Emergency Department. After a while she joined Corinne and Alice in the NICU at Lakeside, before ending her nursing career in the ED at Chalmette General Hospital.

Dee Carmouche was a 1978 graduate. She broke tradition when she bypassed Charity and started her professional life at Lakeside with her three sisters. For a time, the four Carmouche sisters - Corinne, Alice, Margaret and Dee - practiced side by side in that NICU. Children's Hospital of New Orleans was fortunate when Dee made the decision to blaze a new trail and accepted a job as case manger. Dee continued her education receiving her BSN in 1996. Her incredible management abilities and years of service have awarded her current positions as NICU Nurse manager and Ground and Air Transport manager for this highly regarded, regional Pediatric facility.

Shirley Carmouche graduated in 1981 starting her career on the Medical Surgical Unit and then the Emergency Room at Chalmette General Hospital. Like her sisters before her, she gravitated to a leadership role when she ascended to Head Nurse of the ED. She went on to work in a number of areas including the Cardiac Catheterization Lab, Quality Assurance, and Utilization Review. She was employed by Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge before her current position at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in

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Left, Corinne; right, top to bottom: Alice, Margaret, Dee and Shirley.

Carmouche Sisters

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Gonzales, where she works in Utilization Review/Case Management.

Service the Common Denominator in Family

It is no surprise the sisters would seek similar qualities of service in their mates. Three of them - Corrine, Alice and Dee - all married members of the New Orleans Police Department.

Alice states she and her sisters sharing one profession has created an extremely close bond. "Sharing our profession and passion for nursing made us unusually close. We are lucky to share wonderful stories of our past, and some even when we worked side by side as nurses." Shirley felt her oldest sister was a role model and as the youngest there was no doubt that she should follow her sisters into nursing. "I assumed it was what I was supposed to do and I would put our diploma education up against anyone. Our immediate clinical background was second to none."

Today, Alice and Dee continue to work together at Children's Hospital. Alice states she is a "shopper" in her free time, a trait she shares with several of her siblings. When she is not shopping, Alice enjoys sewing, jewelry making and gardening. Dee's primary enjoyment is her two grandbabies, but she somehow finds time to explore fine dining establishments - seeking the perfect lemon drop martini!

When not at St Elizabeth's, Shirley is an active volunteer in her church and shares her enjoyment for gardening with Alice. But, her passion is caring for rescued animals. The community has recognized Shirley for her good works in this area, as she has even been known to take on the pets of her patients. When Shirley steps up to care for these four-footed family members in need, she is allowing her patients to concentrate on their own health restoration. That is TOTAL patient care!

Corinne and Margaret have passed from this world but I am pretty confident that, true to form, they are together… caring for all who have gone before them and guiding their three sisters as they continue their nursing duties for all of us.

As alumni we are proud to count these incredible women in our number and the New Orleans area has benefitted from their career choice.

Top, Shirley and Alice, and below, Dee today.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? is a series highlighting Charity alumni. Thanks to Rick Crouse and Joan Andry for help in locating school photographs. If you would like to be "in the spotlight," or know someone who should be featured, please contact Ann Dieck '80 at **adieck@dcc.edu**.

Attention: Hispanic Nurses

Leslie Hughes '96 is organizing a local chapter of **NAHN**, the **National Association of Hispanic Nurses**. NAHN is committed to promoting professionalism and dedication in Hispanic nurses by providing equal access to educational, professional, and economic opportunities. NAHN also seeks to improve the quality of health and nursing care for Hispanic consumers.

The 2013 NAHN National Convention will be August 6-9 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in New Orleans. Anyone interested in getting involved, please contact Leslie Hughes at **lesliehughes2001@yahoo.com**.

Urgent Message for the Class of 1968

YOUR ASSIGNMENT (should you choose to accept it):

- Deliver your email address to Betty Hebert bettyheb@hotmail.com for further directions regarding the 45th Class Reunion
- Send email addresses of other classmates yet to be discovered.

FIRST CLUE: The evening of September 27, 2013.

Time, location and special directions will be forthcoming. Remain vigilant for a great time!

Your contact:
Betty Hebert, 301 Cedar Drive
Thibodaux, LA 70301-5721
985-803-0253

Can You Help Find These Lost Alumni?

It's reunion year for the following classes, but some graduates have not kept us informed of their address changes. If you can help locate these missing alumni, or if you want to plan a reunion for your class, contact the Alumni office.

Forty Years

1973

GWEN JOUBERT HECK
DEBRA BASCLE CHAUVIN
HELEN BIENVENU
LINDA BOURGOYNE
YVONNE CADDELL AUCOIN
ELREN DAVIS WADDELL
ADRIANNE DEBROW
BEVERLY DAIGLE GAUTHREAUX
MARY HART MACKLIN
MARY MONIZ
LYNN MAYHEW SCHROFRING
BRENDA RICHARD HUBA
SHIRLEY DAUZAT
LORETTA DUPLANTIS
YVONNE PATOUT TRAPANI

Twenty-Five Years

1988

CAROLYNE AMATO
DESIREE BREAUX
CLAUDIA GAINES CARR
ANDREE' LORIO CARR
JULIE FOWLER DAIGLE
MARY EPTING DAVIS
SIMONE GALATAS DYER
CAROL HRAPMANN ERATH
NANCY NUSS FERGER
MARIE FRANCISCO GREEN
JASMINE JANETH GUEVARA
ELEANOR BAKEWELL HARRIS
CHRISTINE HEBERT
STACY ADAMS HEFFNER
SHEILDA SHERIDAN HENRY
JONEL MONTALBANO HIEBER
BARBARA WOLLFARTH HUGHES
LEILA TARJI JEFFERSON
LYNETTE JULUKE JENKINS
ELAINE JEANSONNE JENSEN
BILLIE JEAN KIRK
ABBY LANDRY
CAMILLE AUTIN LOCOCO
KIM SOILEAU LOFASO
NICOLE MITCHEL MEEK
LAURA CLIFTON MICHEL
ELIZABETH HOFFMAN MITCHELL
MARY MUNSTERMAN
WENDY SIMONEAUX NAQUIN
CELIA RODGERS OGRODOWSKI
JUDITH BOZEMAN ONCALE
PENELOPE KENSLER O'SULLIVAN
PAULINE SANDERS POITIER
SHARON WILSON PRESS
ANDREA RANDALL
DEBRA RECASNER
LISA KELLY SAVOIE
MARY MEYASKI SCHLUTER
CLAIRE JOHNSON SIMMONS
MONICA BROOKS SMALLWOOD
DIANE SINCLAIR SMITH
RICHARD JAMES SPEZZAFERRO
PATRICE KING STANLEY
YAINEABEBA TEKLEMARIAM
JEAN VANDERWEERDT
ANJANETTE RATLEFF WADDELL
MARIA ZIEGLER

Ten Years

2003

KELLY ADAMS
STERLING ADDISON
CYNTHIA RAVENCRAFT ARMSTRONG
GERMAINE BARBARIN
GINA SALADINO BARRIOS
TENE BATES
KIMLA BELL
LISA BILLINGSLEY
MICHELLE UTECHT- BREAUX
PATTI BUSTION
KITTY MCKAY CAVALIER
ALEXIA CAZIER
JULIA CEDOTAL
CONSTANCE BAHMAN COOK
DAWN LAUZON COOPER
JESSICA CRANE
DONNA CEFALU CUCCIA
ANGELLE RIVERO CURRY
MONIQUE RILEY CYPRIAN
SONIA COLEMAN DANNA
LEE DENNIS
DOMINICK DIECIDUE
KEITH DOWERS
PAULETTE WEIR DOYLE
CASSI DUFFOURC
ROSELYN JACKSON DUPLESSIS
SHANNON ROACH ENTREKIN
WADE FOURNIER, JR
VERONICA FRIDLEY
CHAD FUSELIER
DEBORAH LANDRY GIARRUSO
AMANDA DAVIS GRAND
ANN MARTHA SMITH GRIZZAFFI
AKEISHA HOLMES
CAJOYA JACOB
ERICA JONES
GREGORY KEIFE
ANDREW LACOMBE
DONNA LAUGA
JEAN MATHEWS LLOVET
MELANIE LOUCH
HEATHER LOWE
MARK LUEG
BRANDY LUNDIN
CRISTI WALDRIP MADERE
DARRIN MADISON
DEIDRE MARKEY
BRITTANY MARSHALL
DANA MATHERNE
MONIQUE MEINECKE
KIMBERLY MIKELL
KELLI TRANCHINA MILLET
PAULINE ADAMS MUSEN-BARRIOS
JULIE SENKO NAJOLIA
VALERIE NOLAN
LORI WARD NORTHCUTT
IFEOMA OKEKE
CINDY PASQUITH
ANTHONY PEPERONE
GENEVA PETERS
HUONG THI PHAN
TONYA PIERCE
KRISTY PREJEANT
ALESHIA PRESTON
ROXANA IRANI RASTEGAR
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ANNA KIRSCH RODRIGUE
MELISSA ROUNDTREE
JAMIE DAUTERIVE RUSH
REBECCA ENNIS RUSH
HAROLD SALAUN

LASHINDRA JOHNSON SAMS
JANINE REYES SEGHERS
MARIA SABORIO SPADARO
RACHELL STEPHENSON
WILLIAM STEVENSON
NICOLE STEWART
MELINDA GRAY STRETZINGER
ODILE SWANEY
JENNIFER TACKABERRY
MICHELLE SPAIN TALAZAC
WENDY TOZEL
JAN VINSON
MARIAH DUPRE WALLACE
CHRISTINA MADSON WELLS
KATRINA WILLIAMS
LISA WILLIAMS
RITA REED WILLIAMS
SARAH WOLCOTT

The Class of 1974 graduating in the Leavell Chapel

Missing Class Photos

A year ago we put out a call for the class photos absent from the lobby hallway at the School of Nursing. The response has been tremendous. We have collected several years of missing pictures thanks to alumni who have sent in copies of their class photos.

The Class of 1974 class picture was recently found by **Mona Hohensee Dupleix '74**. Her classmate **Charlene Persich '74** had it enlarged and framed for the "Hall of Fame." It is an unusual looking class photo because they graduated at the "new" Baptist Theological Seminary and it features the Leavell Chapel more than the graduating students! **Dorothee Kochsiek '63** also brought her class photo to the Alumni Luncheon so that we could make a copy of the Class of '63.

Several years are still missing: 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1956, 1972, 1973, December 1976, December 1977, May 1978, December 1990 and May 2009. If you have one of these class pictures, please send a copy to the Alumni office, or send the original and we will make a copy and return it to you.

The displayed photos span from the 1800s to the present. This summer, as part of the Art & Archives Project, the class photos will be digitally copied so the images will be preserved from further fading or damage. They will be reframed and rehung so everyone can look forward to viewing all of them at Homecoming 2015.

Old Yearbooks

The School of Nursing has a large number of left-over yearbooks beginning from the early seventies. They would love to get them out of storage and into the hands of alumni. The Alumni Association has agreed to handle sending the books to interested alumni. The books are FREE if you just pay $5 postage each. Most of the books listed are available in large numbers, but "few" after the year indicates we only have a couple, so they may go fast.

The yearbooks available are: 1972 (few), 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983 (few), 1984 (few), 1985 (few), 1990 (few), 1992 (few), 1993, 1994, 1995 (few), 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004.

Send a check for $5 made out to CHSNAA, and the year you want, to: CHSN Alumni Association, 450 South Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112. Or you can order your yearbook online at **CharityAlumni.org**.

If you are looking for yearbooks other than those listed above, we don't have any others at this time. However, we will be happy to keep a list of requests in case one turns up, so just let us know what year you are looking for. If you'd like to pass along your yearbook to give to someone who might want it, you can mail it to the Alumni office at the address above.

Cross-Stitch Auction

Our wonderful cross-stitch pattern of the Charity pin was created with the invaluable help of Gayle Horton at Accents, Inc. Gayle also puts together cross-stitch kits for us with easy instructions so that even a beginner can learn to do it. But if you just don't see yourself ever sitting down and actually whipping up one of these kits, then you may be in luck!

Cheryl White Persich '74 commissioned the talented Eryn Raymond to stitch up a beautiful finished cross-stitch pin, and had it gorgeously framed. But best of all, Cheryl has donated it to the Alumni Association to auction off! It's at least a $250 value, and it can be yours! Just place your bid in our *Shhh!!! Silent Auction* at the Alumni Breakfast in September. What a terrific opportunity to own and enjoy some very special needlework!

You can also check out Gayle's other neat cross-stitch offerings at Accents Inc., 4500 Shores Dr., Ste 103, Metairie LA 70006, (504) 888-2458, or at www.accentsinc.com

Charity Alumni Breakfast:

At World's End

(Not really... Just on the Westbank!)

Saturday, Sept. 28

At the Royal Palm
1901 Manhattan Blvd
on the Westbank

Cash Bar opens
at 9:30am,
Breakfast served
at 10:30am.

Ahoy there, me-hearties! Set a westerly heading 'cause we'll be crossing the Big Muddy once more to drop anchor at the Royal Palm. Enjoy a seaworthy brunch of Bananas Foster french toast or Grits & Grillades, fresh fruit and hot biscuits. There's plenty of treasure here: souvenirs, a 50/50 drawing, and lots of door prizes. The *Shhh!!! Silent Auction* features a framed CHSN cross-stitch *(see page 21)*, as well as an antique CHSN Cape. Make your reservation by September 20 to guarantee your seating. Mail in the Reservation Form on page 23, or go to our website: **www.CharityAlumni.org**.

Don't shiver your timbers! It's easy to get to the Royal Palm:

- Take I-10 toward the New Orleans Business District. Take US-90 Business West across the Crescent City Connection bridge. Continue on US-90 Business West, exiting at Exit 6, Manhattan Blvd.
- Take the first left onto Manhattan Blvd. Go 1.4 miles.
- Just past 7th Street, there will be a traffic light with a left turn lane. There's a sculpture on the neutral ground (human-shaped silhouettes, painted many bright colors). Take a left at the light and enter "Fountain Park Centre," a plaza with a pond and fountains. The Royal Palm will be on your right.
- Circle to the right around to the back of the Royal Palm building. The main entrance is in the back, as well as lots of free parking. The Royal Palm phone number is 504-644-4100.

Please fill out this form... or visit our website: **charityalumni.org**

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Name: _____ Class: _____
First name Maiden or Graduation name Last name

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I Want to make my Reservation for the **Alumni Breakfast** on **Saturday, Sept 28**

Reserve for me: *How many?* _____ Breakfasts @$35 each...$_____

Please choose your entree(s):

___ Bananas Foster French Toast, or ___ Grits and Grillades

Bringing a Guest? Please give us the name for their nametag:

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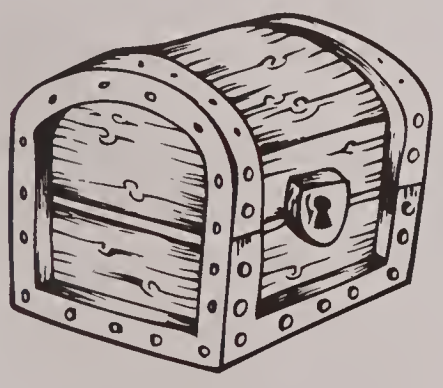
Please make your reservation by September 20 to guarantee your seating!



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- ❒ $15 Regular Membership
- ❒ $25 Blue Ribbon Membership*
- ❒ $50 Silver Star Membership*
- ❒ $100 Sr. Stanislaus Membership*

❒ Sustaining Membership: a one-time gift of $500 (and never pay dues again).*

**Members at these levels receive a personalized CHSNAA pocket planner.*

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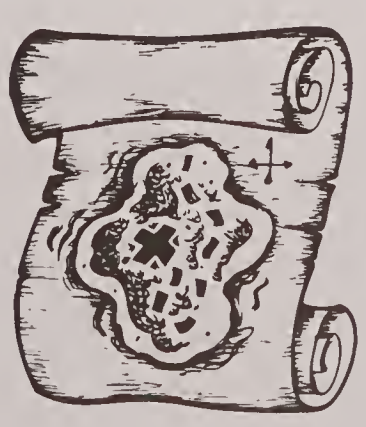

Art & Archives Preservation Fund..... $_____
Brian Fazekas Commemorative Brick ..... $_____
Ruth Wallace Graduation Pin Fund..... $_____
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Student Activities Fund..... $_____
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Make checks payable to: CHSN Alumni Association. Mail this form with your check to:
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or visit our website **charityalumni.org** and go to "Order Online."

Check the box if you: ❒ Would prefer to receive *The White Cap* by email in the future.
❒ Would like to receive email announcements of Charity activities.

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History Project: Information needed on Charity Nurses Pre-1950

Paula Fortier is the Archivist of Touro Infirmary and a Ph.D. candidate of Urban Studies (Urban History) at the University of New Orleans. Her dissertation will focus on New Orleans' nurses from 1890-1950. Paula's research will show that nurses made a significant impact on the city's history, helping to build a healthcare system and a community. She believes New Orleans' nurses helped change the American public's opinion of nursing to become a respected and honored profession.

Paula is very interested in talking to **Charity nurses who were working prior to 1950** in order to learn about their experiences as professional women in that time period. She knows that Charity Hospital and its nurses are central to the story of nursing in New Orleans.

If you are interested in helping Paula, you can reach her at her office at Touro Infirmary at **504-897-8090**. She is in her office Tuesday through Thursday from 10am until 3pm. You can email her at: **pfortier5@cox.net**.

Please help ensure that the history of New Orleans includes the important contributions of Charity nurses.

What do the numbers after my name mean?

The numbers after your name on your mailing label indicate the year your membership expires. For example, "Jane Jones 2013" means your dues are current for this year. If your label has a "0," or a year earlier than 2013, you are overdue to pay your dues.

If the numbers on your label are 9999, you are a Lifetime Member; 8888 is a Sustaining Member; 7777 is a non-alumni Friend. You do NOT need to renew your membership, but donations are always much appreciated!

Mark Your Calendar:

Alumni Breakfast

September 28

See page 22 for details!

Charity Hospital School of Nursing & Charity School of Nursing

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Fall 2013

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From the President

By Marilyn Hammett '78

Hello, All Charity Alumni! It is now the Fall of 2013 - cooler weather at last, and the Saints are winning! For those not at the Breakfast in September, you missed a great time. The enthusiasm that comes with each gathering, and keeps on growing, is so wonderful. It was a great turnout, but I hope even more alumni will come and see how much fun we have and the camaraderie we share! Charity binds us together and that bond never goes away. And we know how to have a good time!!!

The **Rowdy Class of 1968**, celebrating 45 great years, filled four tables with thirty-three from the class in attendance! Once again, they lived up to their joyful and frolicksome reputation! Thanks to **Betty Hebert '68** for doing such a great job of organizing the reunion.

A Special Guest

A rare and welcome highlight of the meeting was a visit from the Delgado Community College Chancellor, **Dr. Monty Sullivan**. Dr. Sullivan said that he was honored to meet the alumni and thanked us for our support of the Charity students. He has a profound respect for Charity's history and reputation. He observed that Charity and Delgado are two great educational institutions that have long been interwoven in the history of New Orleans. It is appropriate that they joined together in the 1990s to create a school for the future of nursing. Charity is now the fifth largest ADN program in the country and will continue to provide the lion's share of the nursing workforce in our community.

Dr. Sullivan discussed the rebirth in the city and the

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Top, left to right: Roberta Bartee '66, Dr. Monty Sullivan, and Mary Trosclair '73. Bottom: The Class of 1968 celebrates forty-five rowdy years together.

Top to bottom: Charlene Persich '74, Mary K. Miller and Robert Gaspard '76; Esther Jackson Guajardo '94 and Patrick Reed '90; Ursula Allain '65 and Meralee Clement '62.

From the President From page 1

creation of the largest medical district in the country. He shared with us the exciting news that plans are in the works for a new building that will create a space large enough to house Charity School of Nursing along with all the Delgado Allied Health programs. The school will keep its identity as Charity School of Nursing but will benefit from opportunities for intraprofessional training so important in today's medical environment.

The legislature has passed a bill providing nearly four million dollars for the new Nursing & Allied Health building. Everyone is committed to keep the location downtown in order to be part of the new Bio-Medical District and to be near the new hospitals that will be needing many more nurses very soon.

The plan is to renovate an existing downtown building to meet the needs of the school, and retain the current Educational building (possibly for other classes needed by nursing and allied health students). Our Board has already pledged to support the plan for a new building and to help in any way we can to provide a state-of-the-art facility for Charity students.

It was wonderful to hear Dr. Sullivan's vision for the future of Delgado and Charity School of Nursing and his continuing commitment to excellence.

On a separate note, Mitch Landrieu, the mayor of New Orleans, is pushing for the old Charity Hospital building to be re-purposed into a new City Hall. It would be great to see Big Charity open and bustling again!

Forty Years of Service

Doris Burvant '60 recognized **Rick Crouse** for 40 years of service in Media Services at Charity School of Nursing. Rick was hired in 1973 by Sister Blanche. Doris talked about Rick's devotion to the students and the school, and how much he has helped the Alumni Association over the years. A commemorative brick will be engraved in Rick's honor and Doris presented Rick with the framed brick certificate and a gift from the Alumni Association. Rick recalled that years ago he was acknowledged with an Honorary Membership to the Alumni Association, but said this was the icing on the cake.

Auctions

Charlene Persich '74 donated a really gorgeous Cross Stitch of the Charity pin logo. Charlene commissioned the cross stitch to be made, had it beautifully framed and then donated it to us for our Silent Auction to raise money for the Alumni Association. What an extraordinary gift!

Above: President Marilyn Hammett '78 accepts the donation of the 50/50 prize from Karen Friley '83.
Right, top to bottom: William Stevenson '79, Fay Dodgen Stevenson '74, and Karen Mathes '82; Marie Beaulieu '46 and her daughter Kay Beaulieu Kenney '76.

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The winner of the Cross Stitch auction was **Robert Gaspard '76**, and the winner of the antique CHSN cape auction was **Ann Marie Pizzeck '93**. Congratulations to both winners, and thanks to all for your generous bidding!

Diplomas, Books, Prizes

Sharon Robinson, the CSN Librarian, was on hand with her laptop to show off pictures of the five restored diplomas from the late 1800s and early 1900s that now hang on the third floor of the school outside the library. These kinds of restorations are made possible by generous contributions from alumni to the Art & Archives Fund. There are many more historical documents and photos that need repair. Thanks to **Bobby Torbert '60** for writing out a check for $100 right then and there!

Karen Mathes '82 donated to the archives a directory of New Orleans Nurses from 1913 that was found in a house wall during a 1980 renovation. **Corey Harris '01** donated a copy of his book, *Poetic Pleasures & Treasures*, for a door prize and signed copies of his book.

Ursula Allain '65 reported that the Alumni Association awarded $5,000 to students at the September Promotions & Awards Ceremony. We were delighted to recognize several student recipients who attended the Breakfast.

The 50/50 drawing collected an awesome total of $625 and the winner, **Karen Friley '83**, donated her half back to the Alumni to be used where it is most needed. Thank you, Karen, for such a wonderful and unexpected gift!

Looking to the New Year

My tenure as President of the Alumni Association will end in March, and I would like to express to all of you my deep appreciation for all that has been sustained and supported by the Alumni Association. Our sense of legacy to the past, present and future is so special. Thank you all for being an essential part of our efforts to keep the torch held high for Charity! I look forward to seeing all of you in March at the Alumni Luncheon.

You can see more photos in color on our photo sharing site: http://charityalumni.shutterfly.com or on Facebook at: Charity Alumni NOLA.

Letters from Alumni

Above: Classmates Lola Cuadrado, Marilyn Hammett and Joycelyn Jeansonne in 1978. Below, together again at the 2013 Alumni Breakfast.

The 2013 Great 100 Nurses of Louisiana were honored on October 16. We recognized a number of Charity alumni on the list and we want to congratulate them: **Sharon Borgstede '87, Tina Brou '94, Dana Duplantis '91, Malinda Ferrell '89, Denise Fortenberry '74, Kim Guidry '78, Reginald Jackson '06, Janis Lydick '08, Michelle Rouyer '92, Sothary Wilson '95.** The Great 100 Nurses annually honors one hundred outstanding nurses from across Louisiana.

Lourdas M. Joseph '90 *(Humble, TX)*: "It is such a blessing to continue to receive the *White Cap* newsletter. I can still feel the spirit of love in each written article as it comes through each page. For those of us who no longer live locally, I cannot believe the strong connection that remains after all of these years. I have such beautiful memories of my time at CHSN. I am ordering one of those May 1990 yearbooks - a book of priceless memories. God bless you all and continue to keep us abreast."

Nina Wills Long '68 *(Alexandria, LA)*:
"First, let me thank Betty Hebert for her untiring efforts to get the Rowdy Class of '68 together in September. I was not able to attend because I had charge of my three grandkids for the week. It is a blessing to be able to stay with them and do some spoiling of three precious little ones. I hate that I missed the fun but the grands take precedence over all else. Let me assure you - nothing will keep me from the fiftieth in a few years."

Jessica Crane Yuratich'03 *(New Orleans, LA)*:
"I moved to California right after nursing school. But I have been back home for about seven years now. I worked on Oncology at University Hospital for several years and have worked Med-Surg and post-partum shifts at just about every hospital around the city at one time or another through a staffing agency. I am now a school nurse at a French Immersion Charter School in its second year of operation."

Pamela Elias Welsh '70 *(Baton Rouge, LA)*: This past week as I raced out the door to catch a plane with my husband for a much needed vacation, I grabbed the last two editions of *The White Cap* sitting on my desk. They have been sitting there unopened since Spring of 2012. Does that tell you how much we needed this week off? Even though I knew Sister Blanche had passed away, I was thrilled to see your endearing article about her. Memories and emotions come whirling back to me and tears welled up in my eyes. She was a genuinely compassionate person in her own right and it permeated down through the entire staff. Please allow me to share my story of Sister Blanche with you, for it is one that means so much to me. While working at Montelepre Hospital on Canal Street, I met a handsome young University of Alabama football player, who was a patient of mine. He was from New Orleans, home to have an ACL repair. We fell in love and planned to get married the next summer. This presented a problem because I still had my Pediatric block to complete before I could graduate from Charity. I had to go talk to Sister Blanche and tell her our plans. I assumed we would get married, I would stay in New Orleans to finish school, my husband would go back to Tuscaloosa and wait for me. It was just four months! Well, that's not how Sister Blanche saw it! After I explained our plans to her, she firmly told me that once we were married, under no circumstances should we be separated for that length of time. She said it would place undo stress on our marriage. She said that she would see to it that I could be transferred to a diploma program in Tuscaloosa,

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From the Executive Director

By Lista Hank '97

Hi, Folks! It's that time of year again, when we need you to vote - and to renew your membership if you have not already done so!

We Want Your Vote!

Take a few moments to read the candidate bios on page 14, and vote for two new board members and a secretary. We have a great slate of candidates ready to lead us!

The Ballot is on page 15. Just circle your choices, cut it out, fold in half and you can mail in the same envelope as your membership renewal or luncheon reservation form. When we receive it, the folded Ballot will be immediately dropped into a secure Ballot Box to protect your vote.

Check Your Mailing Label

The number after your name on your mailing label indicates the year your membership expires. A "2014" after your name means you're paid up through the end of 2014. A "2013" after your name means your membership expires at the end of 2013. You are current at this point, but you may want to consider renewing now for 2014!

If your label has a "0" or a year earlier than 2013 (such as "2009"), you are overdue to pay your membership dues!

Only current members are eligible to vote in the election, so if your membership is not current, please send us a check when you send in your ballot. It's only $15!

If the numbers on your label are 9999, 8888, or 7777, you are in a special membership category (Lifetime or Sustaining). You do NOT need to renew, and you can go ahead and vote.

Your Membership Matters

Your membership dues assist with our many projects and programs to support Charity School of Nursing and its students, as well as helping us maintain the Alumni office and put out the *White Cap* and *Alumni News* for thousands of Charity graduates like you throughout the country and the world. We depend completely upon donations from alumni and friends. YOU make it happen!

Membership Premiums

This year, we are giving you a choice! Alumni who join or renew at the $25 level or above can select from three possible membership premiums: a personalized CHSNAA pocket planner, a Delgado-Charity School of Nursing bumper sticker, or a vintage postcard of the Charity dormitory. Mark your preference on the membership form in this issue, or if you are renewing online, write your choice in "Note to Seller" when you submit your payment.

Luncheon in March

Make plans now to join us for the **Spring Alumni Luncheon** on **March 29**. See the details on page 13. Everyone loves the Chateau Golf & Country Club because it is so beautiful and gracious. And the food is so good! Call up some friends and bring them along!

We Love Photos

You can see lots more photos of our past events on our photo share site: **http://charityalumni.shutterfly.com**. You don't have to join anything to view the photos! Just type the actual address above into your browser's search line because a web search for "Shutterfly" won't get you to the specific site for Charity.

If you have photos from Alumni events that you'd like to post, send them to the Alumni office. You can mail us prints, email pictures or send a photo CD. It's a great way to share photos with your classmates and they can even order prints from the site.

If you have items and/or photos you'd like printed in the *White Cap* or *Alumni News*, send those to us as well! We love to receive news about what you are up to, memories of your school days at Charity, memorials to Charity friends, and anything else you think would be of interest to the alumni. And check us out on Facebook!

Reunions

We've heard some reunion planning for 2014 is going on with the **Class of '94** (see the note on page 11), and the **Class of '74**. You should be hearing from your classmates soon! But we haven't heard from anyone from the **Class of '64** for their big **Fifty-Year Reunion**. If you want to get a reunion organized, please call, write or email the Alumni office and we will send you all the contact information we have for your classmates. Don't let the chance to get all your nursing school pals together slip by!

Grab a Pen - or a Mouse!

You've got everything you need in hand to take care of your ballot, reservation and dues all in one fell swoop - and you can even write one check for everything!

Or, you can also make your Luncheon reservation, renew your membership, give donations and purchase souvenirs on our website: **www.CharityAlumni.org**.

Don't forget to mail your Ballot by **December 31, 2013**.

Best wishes to all for the new year!

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and still graduate with my class in November 1970. I was so thrilled that I hugged her. Sister saw to it that I was enrolled in Druid City Nursing School for their Fall semester. It was a terrific nursing school. The Pediatric Program was wonderful because the hospital drew from a large region. I learned so much and actually stayed on to work in the Pediatric Unit after my graduation, and until my husband graduated from UAB.

Reading the article in the Spring 2012 *White Cap* made me realize how many young women Sister Blanche ministered to in her role as Director of Charity Hospital School of Nursing. I know that she welcomed me into her office that day, 44 years ago, and lovingly guided me through a door that blessed me enormously.

Author Seeks Nurses' Charity Hospital Memories

Dave Holt is writing a book about the closing of Charity Hospital. He is looking for nurses who worked there who would be willing to share some of their Charity stories. "I am looking for nurses who had a good experience with Charity Hospital, and maybe some fond memories."

He is especially looking for nurses who worked at Big Charity a long time, but is interested in any experiences before, during and after Hurricane Katrina. Mr. Holt assures that he will respect the confidences of anyone who contacts him.

Mr. Holt has a unique perspective since he is a Construction Specialist with Neighborhood Housing Services. His wife is a family physician with Ochsner.

You can reach Dave Holt at 504-899-5900, ext 113, or by email at **daveholt@nhsnola.org**. You can also check out the Neighborhood Housing Services website at **www.nhsnola.org**.

So much was lost with the closing of Big Charity. Our memories are part of her story and deserve to be recorded.

Volunteers Needed for Senior Lunch Nov. 26

Professional Issues Day is an important milestone for graduating seniors. Held at the very end of the semester, it marks the time when students' thoughts transition from tests and grades to what it means to be a professional nurse. It is a day they practice interview skills, and learn about legal and workplace issues.

The Alumni Association uses this opportunity to introduce ourselves to these soon-to-be graduates. We provide lunch, hand out copies of the *White Cap*, draw names for door prizes, and give each senior a membership card to the Alumni Association giving them their first year of membership free.

Welcoming Students

Volunteers are needed to help set up, but mostly we want alumni to chat with students informally at lunch and welcome them into the Alumni Association.

This semester we are expecting about 140 seniors. If you are available on **Tuesday, November 26** (the Tuesday before Thanksgiving) from **11:00am to 1:00pm**, we could use your help. It all takes place on the 7th floor at the School of Nursing.

We have a lot of fun, and you get to eat, too. Contact the Alumni office at **504-571-1395** or by email at **chsnaaoffice@gmail.com** to volunteer.

Our Thanks to These Outstanding Donors

These alumni and friends made outstanding gifts of $100 or more to these funds this year:

Alumni Scholarship Fund
Jan Carrio '76
Cecilia Lang Eisemann '98
Peggy Begnaud Johns '63
Elaine Schiller Maguire '71
Ann Sneed Sorrells '65
Lucy Arnold Willard '59

Sister Camilla Gaudin Scholarship Fund
Mary Smith Singletary '49

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Dr. Kevin Jeansonne

Ruth Wallace Scholarship Fund
An Anonymous Friend

Ruth Wallace Graduation Pin Fund
The Class of 1959
Dr. Maxine Blackmon Jones '59

Margaret Palmisano Graduation Pin Fund
Dr. Margaret Oalmann Palmisano '49

Student Emergency Assistance Fund
Catherine Arnold '50
Betty Chalk Putman '54

Art & Archives Preservation Fund
Carole Saladino Radelat '53
Bobby Torbert '60

Campus Notes

Charity School of Nursing Professor **Barbara Hebert** was awarded the Delgado Community College's **2013 Seymour Weiss Excellence in Teaching Award**, the highest honor the college bestows upon its faculty. Hebert is the first nursing faculty member to win the award. "It is quite an honor to say the least, mainly because it comes from nominations from your peers," said Hebert. Hebert has taught nursing students for almost two decades. She is the co-faculty advisor for Sigma Alpha Chi Honor Society and is active with speaking engagements, poster presentations, assisting with recruitment and open houses, volunteering in the Faculty Senate, facilitating service learning projects and donating unused medical supplies to Haiti. A native of New Orleans, Hebert earned a master's degree in nursing from Louisiana State University Medical Center School of Nursing. Hebert has worked at Delgado as an instructor since 1993 and achieved the rank of associate professor in 2012. She was the recipient of the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing Educator of the Year Award, the Chancellor's Cabinet Award of Excellence Distinguished Dolphin Award and the 2012 Jo Ellen Smith Endowed Professorship in Nursing.

Awards were presented to the May 2013 graduating seniors of Charity School of Nursing at the Pinning Ceremony on May 16. **Michelle Ryan** had the highest grade-point average in the nursing program. **Amber Stokes** received the Margaret Palmisano Alumni Pin Award and the NODNA Leadership Award. **Adam Traugott** received the Sister Stanislaus Malone Award and the Sister Blanche McDonnell Award. **Julie Keener**, **Katherine Johnson**, **Carolyn Lipman**, **Joanna Niyazov** and **Michele Ryan** received the Theresa Bittenbring and John Henry Marque Fund Student Nurse Award.

The Alumni Association presented $5,000 in scholarships and awards to students at the CSN Promotions & Awards Ceremony in September. The Level 4 scholarship winners are: **Tiffany Manno**, Sally Cooper Alumni Scholarship of $1,000; **Emily Ovalle**, Mary Ann Signorelli Whynot Scholarship of $500; **Megan Ledet**, Jeansonne Scholarship of $500. The Level 3 winners are: **Paulette Guidry**, Hugh and Maria Garcia Roach Scholarship of $1,000, and **Kimberly Buras**, Ruth Brink Wallace Scholarship of $500. The Level 2 winner of the Sister

Top, down: Alumni Scholarship winners Tiffany Manno, Emily Ovalle, Megan Ledet, Paulette Guidry, Kimberly Buras and Robert Mark Roca.

Blanche McDonnell Alumni Scholarship of $500 is **Robert Mark Roca**. The **Federation of Nurses Awards** of $500 each went to **Angele Lacoste**, in Level 2 of the RN Program, and **Elizabeth Albert** in the PN Program. **Ursula Allain '65** and **Roberta Bartee '66** made the presentations at the ceremony. **Joycelyn Jeansonne '78** is also a member of the Scholarship Committee.

Two Charity faculty members are on the Board of **N-OADN**, the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing. **Patricia Smart** is President-Elect, and **Lynn Lowery** is the Treasurer for this organization which provides leadership and advocacy for associate degree nursing programs throughout the country.

The Charity School of Nursing Recruitment Task Force is asking for donations of old stethoscopes and other gently used nursing items to give away to potential students at recruiting events. "We want to encourage future nursing students and keep the momentum at full blast." You can drop off your old stethoscope at the front

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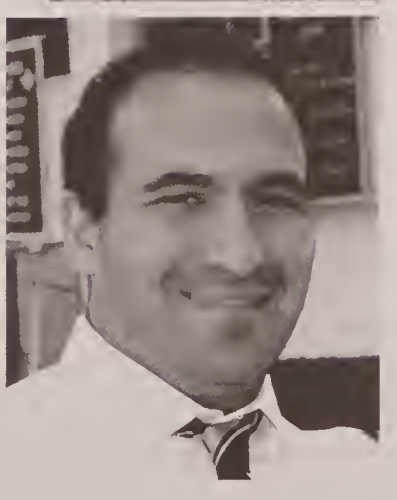

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desk of the School of Nursing, or mail to Charity School of Nursing, Attn: Recruitment Task Force.

On May 10, a new bike rack was dedicated to the memory of **Brian Fazekas '12. Jenn Garnand '11** gave a blessing, faculty member **Carol Leefe** shared a few memories of Brian, and Brian's wife Kathryn accepted a plaque in his honor. The bike rack was purchased with donations from students, faculty and staff. Landscaping is also planned for this area in front of the Education Building at Charity School of Nursing. A commemorative brick in Brian's honor has been purchased with donations from alumni friends and classmates.

The Charity tradition of excellence continues with 97% of graduates passing the NCLEX last year.

CASN Wins Best Community Service Project in the State

By Emily Ovalle, SGA President

LASN, the Louisiana Association of Student Nurses, held its annual convention October 3-6, 2013 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Charity School of Nursing and CASN, the Charity Association of Student Nurses, were proud to send thirteen students. It was an exciting opportunity for most of the students attending their very first convention. Several awards were handed out to participating schools of LASN, including community service awards, scrapbook awards and participation awards. As part of a disaster preparedness donation project, CASN collected over 400 flashlights from Charity students to donate to the project.

Charity was awarded **Best Community Service Project** for their work on the **CASN Cupboard**. The CASN Cupboard started out as a project to assist students on campus who may be going through hard times and in need of a meal for lunch or something to take home for dinner. During Hurricane Isaac last year, many students were helped immensely by the donations made by classmates and faculty and made available in cupboards located on the 6th floor.

The CASN Cupboard has rapidly grown into so much more. The cupboards now supply non-perishable food items, school and clinical supplies, basic toiletries and Charity uniforms to any student requiring them. There is no application process or questions asked. Any student can go and pick up items they need, or donate to this mission whenever they can. LASN was impressed with this community project because it helps those within the school community instead of only those outside the college doors.

CASN was also honored to have one of our own members, current President **Kaitlin Greetham**, re-elected to state office as LASN Historian. CASN and the students of Charity are proud of these accomplishments and look forward to continued participation in professional organizations during our time as students and into the future after graduation.

75 Blessings

"Nance is an *amazing* woman." That's how the letter from **Beth Pesses '76** began. Nance Griffin is Beth's sister-in-law's step-mother. She married into the family in 2005 and is now a very beloved adopted mom, grandmother and friend. Nance has a beautiful, generous, giving nature. She always thinks of others before herself.

On October 15, Nance celebrated her 75th birthday. In anticipation of that birthday, Nance was on a mission. She pledged to give **75 Blessings, 75 times**. So all year long, she has been giving or doing things in groups of 75. She donated seventy-five boxes of crayons for a school drive, gave $75 to a charity, provided 75 toothbrushes to a homeless shelter. Seventy-five times!

Her family and friends decided to surprise her with a special gift they knew she would love. They each pledged to do acts of kindness in Nance's name. Each one sent a note describing their birthday blessing and the notes were given all at one time to Nance on her birthday.

"So here is a check for $75 to the Charity Alumni Scholarship Fund in honor of Nance," wrote Beth.

We think Beth is pretty amazing, too! Beth is on the faculty at Charity School of Nursing so she knows how important scholarships are to the students. We can't thank her enough for thinking of us when she decided on her good deed for Nance's big day. And our thanks to Nance for being such an inspiration!

We thought that it was such a terrific idea to give a friend or family member a Birthday Blessing to benefit the students of Charity School of Nursing, that we are going to make it easy for you to do it!

If you would like to give a Blessing to someone, just send us the honoree's name, tell us if it is a birthday or anniversary or other occasion, and any special sentiments you want expressed. The gift can be any amount you choose (minimum $15, please). We will mail out a certificate acknowledging your gift to the **Charity Alumni Scholarship Fund** in their honor. We can mail the certificate to you, or directly to the honoree.

You can also order your Blessing on our website! Just be sure to include all the information in "Note to Seller." Please give us at least two weeks of lead time if you want it to arrive in time for a special day.

So bless someone you love by supporting Charity!

Where Are They Now?

SPOTLIGHT ON: Corey Harris '01

By Ann Burghardt-Dieck '80

Registered nurse, motivational speaker, poet, author, and just an all around great guy. This is my general impression of Corey Harris, a 2001 graduate of our great school. Corey was highlighted at our most recent Alumni Breakfast where he signed copies of his book Poetic Pleasures and Treasures. He was kind enough to spend a little time talking with me about his journey to author and how Charity School of Nursing has influenced his life and his writings.

As the third son of four born into a close family in Houma, Louisiana, Corey was first drawn to creative writing in the fourth grade. But it wasn't until about four years ago, around the time of the birth of his daughter, that he felt the "urge to write and see how my poetry would sound. The more I wrote the more I enjoyed it and now the writings just keep stacking up." Tate Publishing is obviously betting the general public will enjoy his work because they have published his first book.

Corey tells me he finds inspiration in everyday things and hopes to instill a "positivity" in everyone, especially those less fortunate than him. "Growing up there was always someone close by for me: parents, a brother, an aunt or a cousin, to provide support and encouragement. I want to try and instill that same feeling in others, especially children."

Finding the Positives

Corey does live up to his ideal by guest speaking to middle school and high school children encouraging them to find the positives in life, directing young men and women to "do the right thing." His poem *Peer Pressure* is aimed at assisting students to navigate this difficult and very common challenge. While often speaking to a target audience of at-risk youth, Corey's message of "stay on track – bounce back to the positives of life" is a message that is ageless and can be directed to anyone.

When I inquired what motivates his writing, this poet explained to me that he "sees things a little differently than most." For example, as we look together through a window I see a family feeding ducks. Corey describes the joy of that family taking part in such a simple task, as well as noting the beautiful blue sky and warmth of the day surrounding them. He channels these images into the positive feelings infused into his poems. His hope is that someone will read his writings about a family feeding ducks, recall having done that same activity in their past and appreciate the positive vibes he delivers and appreciate what they may have taken for granted at the time.

Corey's nursing career has definitely fueled this skill. Corey the RN currently works in a ventilator dependent

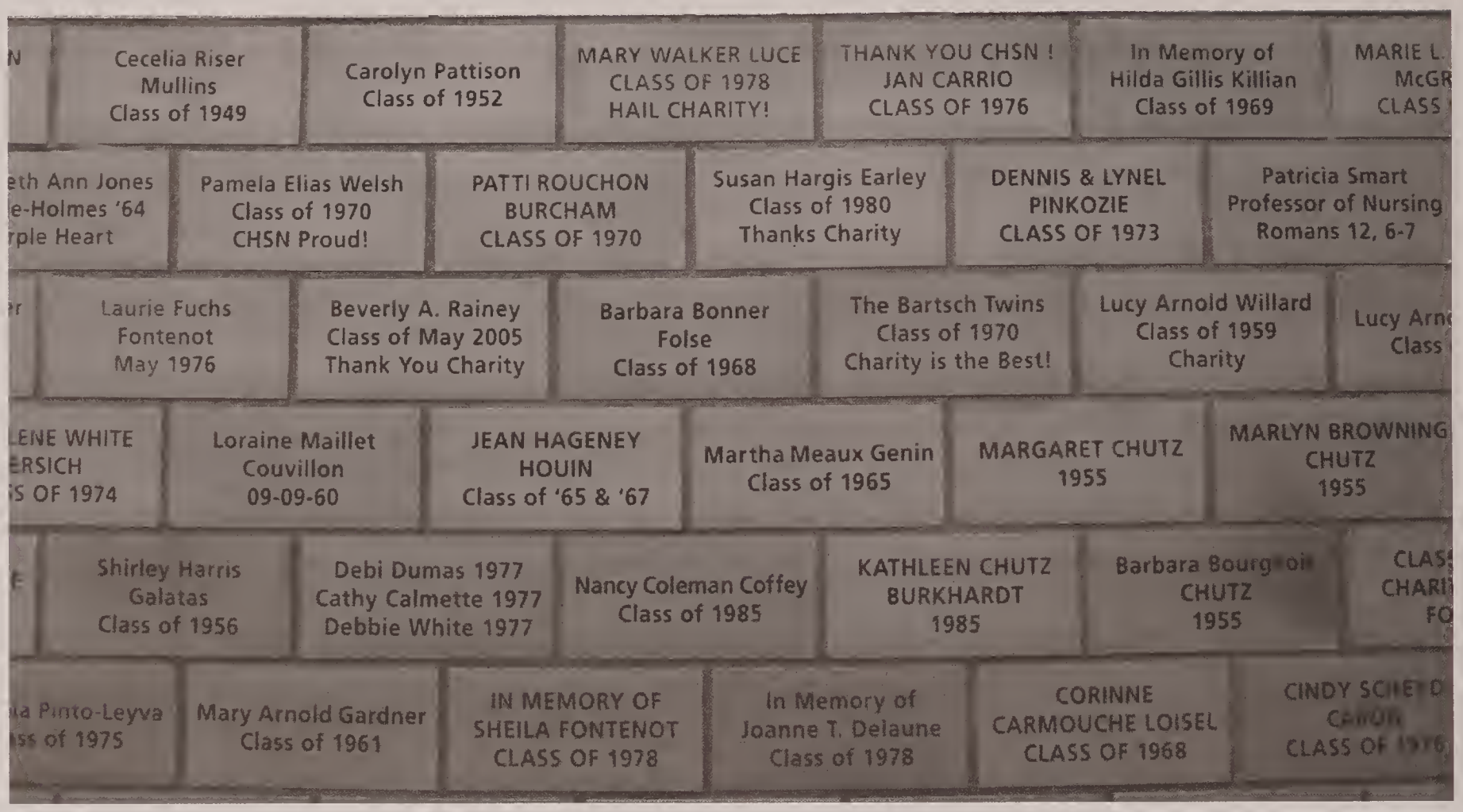
unit where his patients cannot speak and are deprived of many of the simple pleasures that so many of us take for granted. Corey is keenly aware of the physical and mental limitations of the myriad of patients he has cared for. Tending to them has heightened his ability to see and feel what many of us take for granted in everyday life. He hopes to "inspire people to live each day to the fullest" through his words on paper or his voice on CD reading his poems. Corey wants us to be aware that we "should not waste time, when it's gone you can't get it back," a message he learned as a nurse caring for patients over the years with a variety of maladies.

Finding Inspiration

Corey was drawn to nursing school because he wanted to brighten someone's day. He envisioned nursing as "a really great career, a lot of opportunity with a decent wage allowing him to provide for his family." It is certain that to be a good nurse your heart has to be in the right place and Corey has found enjoyment and inspiration in all the many areas of nursing he has pursued since graduation.

Corey the author says he finds he writes best late at night, when the house is quietest. Corey remembers he got his best work for nursing school done in those same wee hours of the morning. Years at Charity bring about thoughts of late nights, care plans, and an absentee social life. But he feels it was all worth it as the rigors of nursing school built character and developed him into a stronger person. Those late hours helped prepare him for his future. Corey also remembers Mrs. Saulny and Ms. Schexnayder, two of his former nursing instructors whose inspiration and encouragement still stick with him today.

As he continues to work as an RN, Corey says his musings continue to flow from the inspiration of the world around him. He is a loving husband and father and is busy raising his pre-school daughter. When relaxing, Corey likes to listen to Hip/Hop, Rhythm and Blues and Gospel music. Dinner and a movie with his wife, Kema, is a favorite past time as well as going for sno-balls with his daughter, Bria. Always a Saints' fan, the "Who Dat Fan" is a poem that has found it's way into his thought provoking book. You can get a copy of Poetic Pleasures and Treasures at www.TatePublishing.com. We are proud to count Corey Harris in our number – spreading his "positivity" wherever he goes.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Calling all 1994 Graduates

Plans are being made for a 20-year reunion of the Class of 1994, sometime in 2014. If you would like to participate, please contact **Angelique Hagmann** at **angeliquehagmann@yahoo.com**. When you contact Angelique, you will receive updates and be placed on the mailing list. Once at least 50-75 people express interest, a date and time can be set, and a down payment can be put on a venue. So please contact Angelique as soon as possible so plans can be made and the Class of '94 will have a great get-together!

Farewells

Barbara Minga Warren '55, of Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, died on September 5, 2013, at the age of 79. Born in San Francisco, Barbara graduated with honors from the Charity Hospital School of Nursing in 1955. She was chosen as "Miss Charity Hospital" during her last year of school there. She received her BSN from Hawaii Loa College in Oahu. Barbara married Fritz Warren, a graduate of the Naval Academy in Annapolis, in Jacksonville, Florida in1957. She accompanied Fritz to many duty stations in the United States and a final position with the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia. Spending ten years in Jakarta, Barbara traveled extensively to the many islands of that fascinating land of multiple cultures and languages. She became interested in the woven cotton textiles from the islands of Indonesia, particularly the dramatic warp ikat textiles from the Island of Sumba in the eastern part of the island archipelago. The warp threads of these textiles are tie-dyed using vegetable dyes and woven under thatched houses on a rudimentary backstrap loom. She went on to earn a Masters in Southeast Asia Studies with a focus on Indonesian Textiles from the University of Hawaii. She was an expert on all Indonesian textiles and lectured in New York City, Washington, DC, San Francisco and Los Angeles. She worked at the Honolulu Academy of Arts and the Textile Museum of Washington, DC. Barbara was also an accomplished artist and worked in many mediums, including canvas, wood and ceramics. *From Penelope Fleetwood '55*

Frances Elaine Waters White '41 died on June 27, 2013, at the age of 96. She graduated from CHSN in 1941. During WWII, she nursed wounded sailors from ships torpedoed off Grand Isle, Louisiana. In 1942, she married the late Dr. Charles H. White, Sr., who completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Charity Hospital in 1944. That same year they moved to Sumter, SC, where she taught nursing classes at the Tuomey Hospital School of Nursing for several years. Frances had fond memories of her time at CHSN and loved to tell family and friends stories about her classmates, patients, and the delightful and formidable Sisters of Charity during her time there. She loved Charity and the people she knew there. Frances was known as a gracious hostess, an accomplished cook, and a magical gardener, growing a myriad of beautiful camellias and roses. *From Patricia White Hartley*

"My aunt, **Irene Bowman** was a graduate of the Class of 1940. Until her death in May 1979, Aunt Irene spoke frequently about Charity Nursing School and her experiences at Charity Hospital. At some point she began nursing at Baton Rouge General Hospital where she was a charge nurse on several floors through the years. One of my fondest memories is spending the day with Aunt Irene at Baton Rouge General, seeing how she loved what she did, and just knowing that she was good at it. Recently, while clearing out my mother's papers (Aunt Irene's little sister), the enclosed Caps and Capes 1940 Yearbook came to light. Since Aunt Irene did not have any children, I thought that the best place for it is back at Charity School of Nursing. Finally, a check is enclosed for a brick for the Commemorative Brick Wall to read: **Irene W. Bowman, Class of 1940**. I am totally certain that she would be so proud and thrilled to have her name there among all the other nurses who learned to make the lives of their patients better day by day and who always included the family in their loved one's care." *From M. Karinne McCullough*

IN MEMORIAM

Irene Wills Bowman '40 (5/20/79)
Frances Elaine Waters White '41 (6/27/13)
Florette Landry Ribbey '42 (10/1/13)
Anna Mae Waguespack Pavy '46 (8/2/13)
Lou Olive Salman '46 (7/17/13)
Genita McDonald Davis '48 (6/25/13)
Noel Drouihllet Gates '49 (6/1/2013)
Ruth Duhon Incaprera '50 (8/18/13)
Dixie Poole Keyes '50 (7/23/12)
Virginia Smith Hagen '52 (8/3/13)
Janet Angele Verdun Lowe '54 (7/5/13)
Rita Rose Hoover Bourgeois '55 (6/10/13)
Barbara Minga Warren '55 (9/5/13)
Lynn Nilsson Laikin '64 (11/1/10)
Gail Whitacre Roswell '65 (9/24/13)
Kathryne Henchy Leonard '69 (5/13/13)
Donna Pitfield Mawson '71 (8/27/13)
Kirk LeVasseur '79 (5/16/13)
Rebecca Lee Kostman-Velez '80 (7/17/13)
Albert Dell Flair '83 (8/1/2013)
Diane Dunklin Cash '85 (8/23/13)
Cynthia "Cindi" Letulle Fryoux '95 (10/31/12)
June Pittman – faculty (8/23/13)

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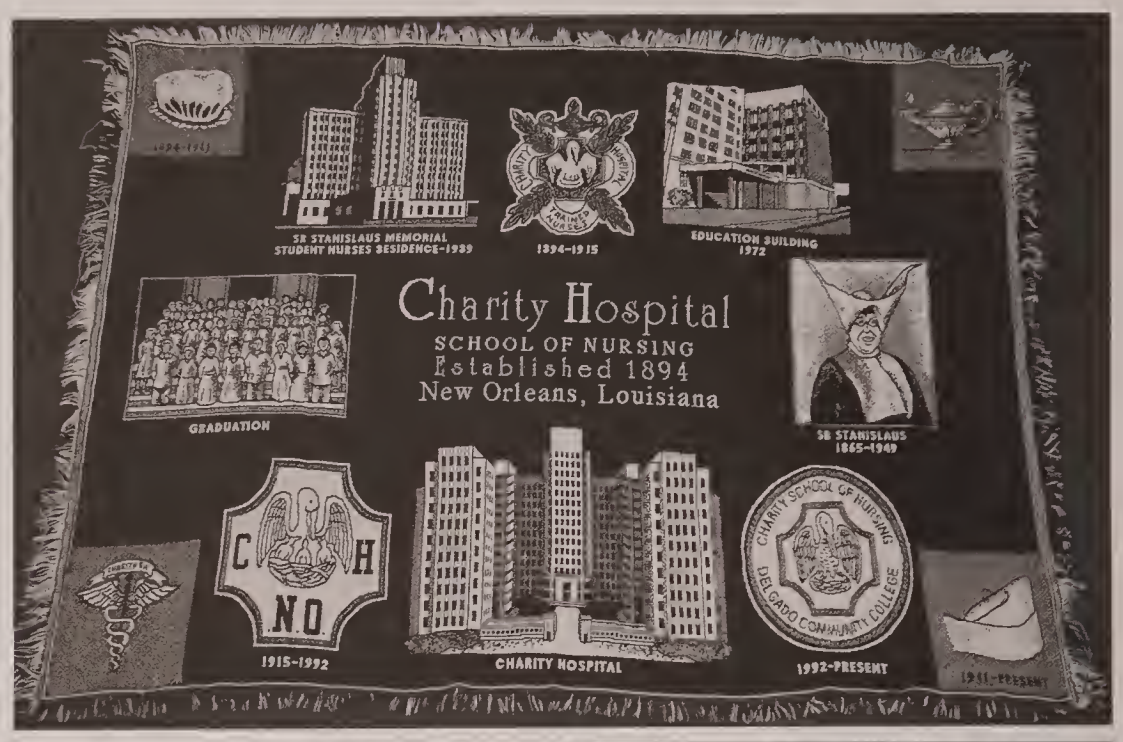

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ALUMNI LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2014

CHATEAU GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

3600 Chateau Blvd in Kenner 504-467-1351
Exit I-10 at Williams Blvd North, turn left on West Esplanade, go one mile, turn right on Chateau Blvd. FREE PARKING!

COST: $35 PER PERSON

Registration/Cash Bar opens at 10:30am,
Lunch served at 11:30am

Celebrate Spring with friends and classmates in a lovely venue as you savor your choice of delicious entrees, salad, sides and dessert Make your bid for an antique CHSN Cape at our Shhhh! Silent Auction. Plus: Souvenirs, raffles, door prizes, and so much more!

ALUMNI LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Mail to: CHSN Alumni Association, 450 S. Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112
Or purchase online at www.CharityAlumni.org
We must receive your reservation by March 20, 2014, to guarantee your seating.

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY!

Name _____
First name Maiden/graduating name Last name

Class of: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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I'LL SEE YOU AT THE LUNCHEON:

Total number of people _____ @ $35 each.....$_____

Choose your entree:

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Bringing a Guest? Please give us the name for their Name Tag:

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Candidates Biographical Data

SECRETARY CANDIDATE

Joycelyn Gondolfo Jeansonne '78
Joycelyn has been active in the Alumni Association since the 1980s, serving as a Board Member, Secretary and President multiple times. She was the driving force behind some of the Association's most popular projects such as the Afghan, the Commemorative Bricks, and the Mailbox Banks. Joycelyn has an MSN from LSUMC and a post-graduate certificate as an NP. She holds certification as a Pediatric Nurse, taught Pediatric Nursing at LSU in Alexandria and continues to guest lecture at LSUA and Louisiana College. She was a supervisor of PICU at Big Charity for eight years. Joycelyn volunteers at the Alexandria Museum of Art, is currently serving as Secretary of the Alumni Association, and she and her husband Kevin sponsor the Jeansonne Scholarship at Charity every semester. Joycelyn lives in Alexandria, LA.

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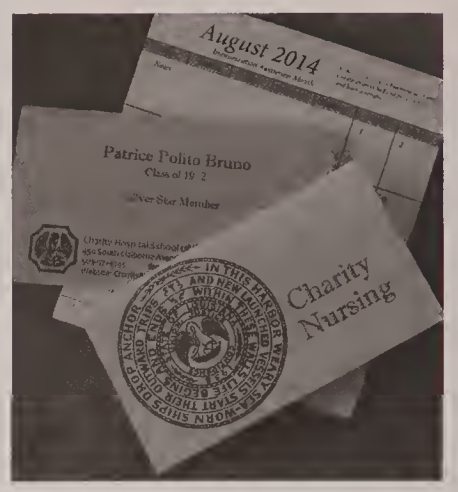

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or a vintage postcard of the old dorm.

Make your choice on the forms on pages 13 or 15, or on our website: www.CharityAlumni.org

BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES

Roberta P. Bartee '66
Bobbie has been an active member of the Alumni Association for several years, serving in various roles including Board member and Secretary and has been a member of the Advisory Committee since 2011. After earning a BSN from Northwestern, Bobbie worked in the trauma unit at Big Charity before joining the faculty of the Charity's diploma program. She later achieved an MSN from the University of Colorado, and went on to teach at LSU, the University of Hawaii, and Linfield College in Portland, OR, before returning to teach in the ADN program at Charity in 2001. She retired in December 2012. Bobbie resides in New Orleans.

Patrick Brady '83
Patrick is a current member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and an active participant in alumni activities. He earned a BSN from Loyola University, an MSN from William Carey College, and a Doctorate in Nursing in 2010 from the University of South Alabama. He was named one of the Great 100 Nurses in 1985. As a Sigma Theta Tau member, he served as President of the Upsilon Theta Chapter 462 from 2009 to 2011. Patrick is currently an Assistant Professor of Nursing at the undergraduate and graduate level at William Carey College. He has been a CHSNAA member since 1983, and has only missed three functions since that time. He has also served on the CHSNAA Advisory Committee. Patrick resides in Slidell, LA.

Vivian Larkin Manes '70
Vivian is currently serving as a member of the Board of the Alumni Association. She has served on the Nominating Committee and the Advisory Committee, and is a regular volunteer for the Alumni Association's activities. Vivian is a certified case manager, board certified in nursing case management by the American Nurses Credentialing Center and works primarily with injured workers on referral from workers' compensation carriers or employers. She is a Board Member of the Case Management Society of America, Greater New Orleans Chapter and the Louisiana Society of Pain Management Nurses. Vivian is a resident of Metairie.

Patrick Gerard Oncale '93
Gerard works at West Jefferson Medical Center in the Emergency Department. He earned a BSN from the University of South Alabama and an MS in Health Care Management from UNO. He is currently enrolled in the DNP program at the University of South Alabama. Gerard states that he believes this is a transitional time in nursing and it is important for the Alumni Association to remain cohesive and explore ways to remain relevant to current and future members. He says the Association has a rich history from which to build a strong, thriving organization. Gerard resides in New Orleans.

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Check your mailing label for the year your membership expires. Use this, or the Luncheon Reservation Form, to renew.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING

Candidate bios are on page 14. The BALLOT is to the right. Circle your selections, cut out the Ballot along the dotted lines. Fold the Ballot in half to protect the privacy of your vote. Place it in an envelope addressed to the CHSN Alumni Association.

You may include your membership renewal, luncheon reservation, and other materials in the same mailing envelope. Your Ballot will be placed in a secure ballot box immediately upon receipt.

Ballots must be received in the Alumni Office no later than December 31, 2013, to be counted.

CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL

Only current members are eligible to vote. Check your mailing label for your membership status. The number after your name on your mailing label indicates the year your membership expires. For example, "Jane Jones 2013" means your membership expires at the end of 2013. You can vote in this election, but may want to consider renewing your membership now for 2014.

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Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association

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SECRETARY

JOYCELYN JEANSONNE '78

BOARD MEMBERS
(Vote for Two)

ROBERTA BARTEE '66

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PATRICK GERARD ONCALE '93

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If your label has a "0" or a year earlier than 2013 (such as "2007"), you are overdue! Please join or renew your membership now.

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Mark Your Calendar for the
Spring Alumni Luncheon
March 29, 2014

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From the President

By Bryan J. Camus '12

Have you ever been to Graceland? I confess that I was never much of an Elvis fan and did not gain a true appreciation for his talent and musical influence until the mid-1990s when I, like so many other neophytes, made a pilgrimage to Graceland.

It was on that trip that I learned several things about Elvis: (1) he did not know a good interior designer (the Jungle Room? Really?!?); (2) his was an outsized talent, as twenty years after his death some of his records were still going gold; and (3) he really did not set out to be The King. It was something that came his way as he remained true to himself.

The King had a motto: TCB, which stands for Taking Care of Business. It was not about making money, but about paying attention to details and doing what needed to be done. He took care of his family and stayed close to his friends. In my opinion, that was the greatest thing about him - he achieved the pinnacle of his industry by remaining true to the things that he believed were important. Taking Care of Business!

It takes my breath away to think that I have been honored to be elected president of CHSNAA. As I ponder this amazing responsibility, I think about Elvis's motto. It sounds kind of like a certain nursing school I know.

What an incredible and durable institution it is that the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul founded 120 years ago! It has grown and it has changed but, more important, it has endured.

And you, the Charity alumni, have played no small part in that endurance. Your participation, your support, and your generosity have helped to ensure that the high standards of being a Charity nurse will be upheld in the future as they have in the past.

So many generations of Charity graduates have cared deeply about maintaining the true heart of Charity throughout the decades – taking care of our patients, taking care of our community, taking care of the future of nursing.

Taking Care of Business. It has a nice ring to it.

Vantrelle Coleman, Level 2 student and President of SGA, greets Shirley Meaut Muhleisen '45, the "most senior" graduate in attendence at the Alumni Luncheon.

Scholarships

In December 2013, twenty-eight students applied for seven Alumni Association scholarships. What a tough decision for our Scholarship Committee to have to make! But **Mary Singletary '49** and **Saundra Robert '56** unexpectedly sent us checks for a Sister Camilla Gaudin Scholarship, and the family and friends of the late **Leona Hilbert '46** chose Charity to honor her memory, and many more alumni sent us gifts for the Scholarship Fund as well! Because of this generosity, we were able to increase the number of scholarships awarded to nine, totaling over $5,000, and give some money toward graduation pins for three other students as well. The Scholarships and pin awards were presented in February at the Promotion and Awards Ceremony at the school. Congratulations to these students who excel in both academics and in their clinical

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From the President

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rotations, and in involvement on campus and in the community.

LEVEL 2 - Sister Blanche McDonnell Scholarship $500: **Vantrelle Coleman**.

LEVEL 3 - Hugh and Maria Garcia Roach Scholarship $1,000: **Toya Smith**; Sister Camilla Gaudin Scholarship $500: **Ashley Bickham**; Leona Hilbert Scholarship $250: **Katherine Silva**; Honorable Mention $50: **Kellie Roach**.

LEVEL 4 - Sally Cooper Alumni Scholarship $1,000: **Andreka Brooks**; Jeansonne Scholarship $500: **Nicole Stein**; Mary Ann Signorelli Whynot Scholarship $500: **Melissa Ostermann**; Marcelle Jacobs Wright Scholarship $500: **Kimberly Buras**; Ruth Wallace Scholarship $500: **Paulette Guidry**; Anne Marie Hansen Rogers Pin Award $100: **Ashley Schexnaydre**; Alumni Pin Awards $100: **Shanna Corman** and **Michelle Hoskins**.

In addition, thanks to the **Federation of Registered Professional and Licensed Practical Nurses of Charity**, we were able to give $500 awards to two students at Charity: **Wilkinson Therio** in the RN Program, and **Patricia Grogen** in the PN Program.

The Scholarship Committee has just interviewed 36 applicants for the next round of six scholarships to be awarded in September. From what I hear, there's going to be some more tough decision-making ahead! We're hoping we can count on your generosity once again!

NODNA Night

In April, the Alumni Association sponsored a table for the New Orleans District Nurses Association (NODNA) Student Nurse Night. Because of sponsorship by the Alumni Association and other organizations, over 20 Charity students were able to attend the event. It's a fun night, but with serious purpose as students learned the importance of being involved in their professional organization, and got to network with future colleagues!

Student Nurses Convention

We were really happy to be able to give some financial help to seven members of the Charity Association of Student Nurses (**CASN**) so they could attend the National Student Nurses Association Convention in Nashville in April. Between registration, hotel, and airfare, it can cost each student over a thousand dollars to attend, so any help we can give makes a big difference! The national student nurses convention is a great opportunity to meet students from around the country and be exposed to the larger world of nursing. Students bring lots of new information and ideas back to share with their classmates. It is an important step on their road to becoming the future leaders of our profession.

We think the Convention experience is so valuable that,

February 2014 Scholarship Winners

when two Lifetime Members of the Alumni Association (**Maudie Bates '50** and **Sydney Womack '57**) each sent us $100 checks in early April and told us to use it for whatever was our most pressing need, we knew we wanted to use their gifts to help students attend the Convention. And that gave us an idea. We have created a fund especially for this purpose, so CASN students can always count on our help. If you would like to make a donation dedicated to sending CASN students to Convention each year, you can indicate that on your Membership Renewal Form on page 19.

Future Nurses

The alumni provided lunch to the graduating seniors on their Professional Issues Day in May – one of the students' last experiences in nursing school! This lunch gives us a chance each semester to meet all the seniors and encourage them to get involved with the Alumni Association. We tell them about all the important projects we support at the school - and how much fun we have at our alumni get-togethers!

Let me tell you, Charity School of Nursing has produced another group of fresh, talented classmates who are eager to make the transition from being Charity students to Charity nurses! This is a time of change for our profession and that makes it an exciting time to be an alumni. "Big Charity" is more than a building; it is more than an address. It is an ideal, a standard, and a passion. It is a dedication to helping, to healing, and to caring. The Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association is dedicated to preserving the spirit that makes it so special to be able to say, "I am a Charity Nurse."

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall 2014 Breakfast and again at the 2015 Homecoming. We'll be there, Taking Care of Business! ✧

Alumni Luncheon: Sailing into Spring

From top: Diana Fontenot Roy '74 and Olander Belfield Holloway '74; Goldie Huguenel '56 and filmmakers Alex Glustrom and Ben Johnson; the Class of '74 reunited.

It was a long, cold winter and the alumni sailed into Spring like an icebreaker plowing through the floes on Lake Michigan!

The **CHSNAA Annual Luncheon** was held on March 29, and the alumni came to party bringing the sun in their wake! They came in great waves - '49, '57, '60 and '67 were just a few of the classes there in force. The **Class of '72** had twelve alum present and the **Class of '74** celebrated their 40-Year Anniversary with 24 classmates in attendance! Have we ever had that many folks from the 70s in one room before?

The Chateau Golf and Country Club was a beautiful and comfortable venue to greet old classmates and make new friends, and the food was excellent as usual.

President **Marilyn Hammett '78** welcomed the membership and guests, and **Jenn Garnand '11** offered the blessing. The centerpieces were colorful paper sailboats, their sails emblazoned with the Charity Seal. The legend "weary sea-worn ships drop anchor, and new launched vessels start their outward trips" seemed especially appropriate as the long-graduated socialized with the newest alums and current students.

A Film about Big Charity

Secretary **Joycelyn Jeansonne '78** joined Marilyn for the Roll Call of Classes, then **Goldie Huguenel '56** introduced two special guests. Alex Glustrom and Ben Johnson have spent five years working on a film called ***Big Charity: The Death of America's Oldest Hospital***. The film chronicles the history and importance of Charity Hospital, and explores why it was closed. Goldie said, "I've seen it and I cried all the way through it." The filmmakers invited the alumni to a preview screening of the film which is nearly completed. They remarked that, while interviewing people in the city, they were often told that it was the nurses that made Charity Hospital what is was.

Election Results

Nominating Committee Chair **Alice Brady '64** received her 50-Year Certificate, and reported the election results as follows: President: **Bryan Camus '12**; Secretary: **Joycelyn Jeansonne '78**; Board Members: **Roberta Bartee '66** and **Patrick Brady '83**. The new officers were installed,

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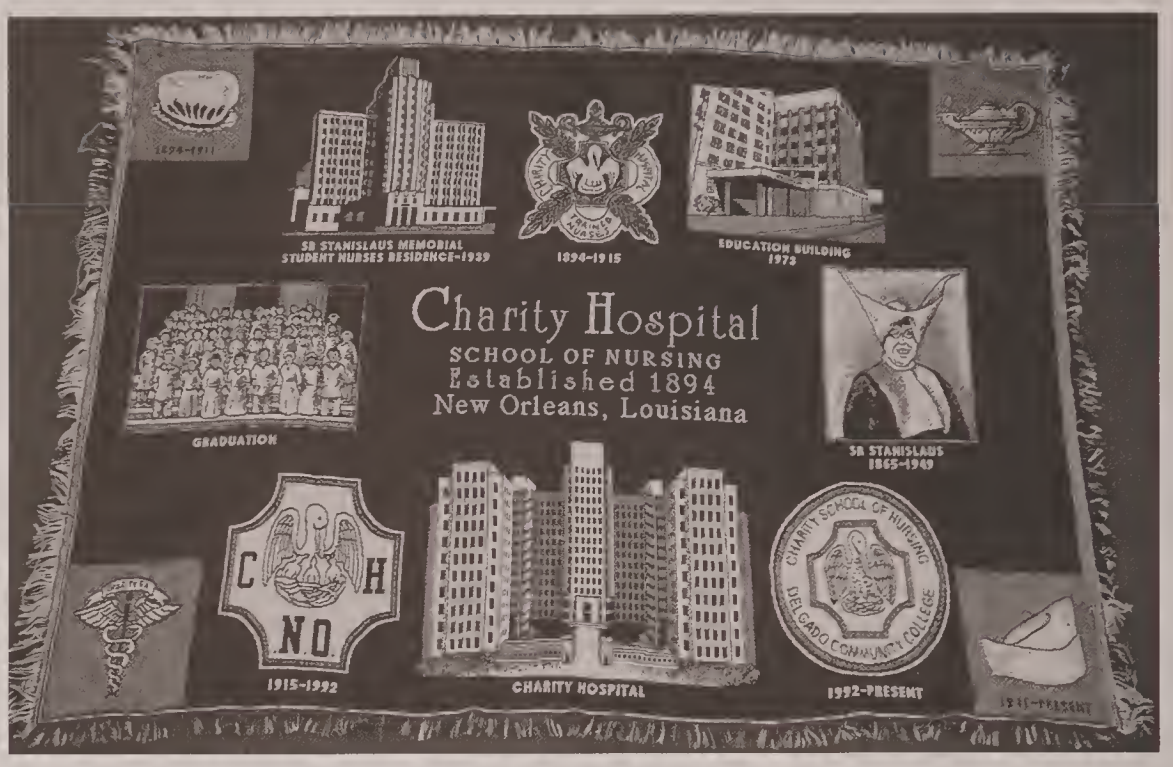
Charity Afghan A truly beautiful blue and white woven throw with iconic images of Charity. **$60**



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"I don't usually wear my pin at work, but I want to show my Charity pride, so the badge holder is perfect!"
- Colleen Ford Heller '84

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Spring Luncheon

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and Marilyn thanked the alumni for their support during her presidency.

Until September

The **Class of '74** topped off their 40th anniversary celebration by being the big winners! **Nancy Gentry '74** won the Cape Auction and **Charlene Persich '74** won $241 in the 50/50 Drawing. Door prizes wrapped up the celebration, and the voices of alumni from the 40s all the way through 2013 joined with future Charity nurses in singing the Alma Mater.

It was a day to remember, and to make our promises to each other: See you again in the fall! ✣

Top: Joan Burgess LeBlanc, Rosetta Anzalone Tumminello and Patsy Ross Bourgeois, Class of '57; Below, left to right: Doris Tucker Burvant, Glenda Pitre and Lorraine Couvillion, Class of '60; Mary Jo Johnson '74, Mary Jean Johnson Southerland '74 and Ken Southerland; Margaret Palmisano '49 and Ursula Allain '65; Joycelyn Jeansonne '78, Marilyn Hammett '78 and Charlene Persich '74.

Your heart will always be at Charity.

Why not add your name?

A Commemorative Brick is a great way to say, "I'm proud to be a Charity graduate." The bricks are mounted on a wall in the courtyard off the nursing school lobby. Funds raised by brick sales provide support for educational enhancements at the school. When you purchase a brick, you (or your gift recipient) will receive a certificate suitable for framing. Order a brick for yourself, as a gift, in memory of a classmate, in honor of that special teacher, or to show your class pride. You can see the wall online at our website: CharityAlumni.org.

SPECIAL DEADLINE: Any brick purchased by July 1, 2015,
is guaranteed to be installed in time for Homecoming in the Fall of 2015.

It may be three years or more before we install another group of bricks, so you don't want to miss this chance to see your brick in place. If you've been thinking about buying a brick, now is the time!

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CHSN Alumni Association
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New Orleans, LA 70112

or order online at **www. CharityAlumni.org**

From the Executive Director

By Lista Hank '97

The Charity alumni are just amazingly generous! Your support for our students and the School of Nursing is truly inspiring, and means so much, from scholarships to the Student Emergency Assistance Fund. Whenever we ask for help, you always deliver! So, the Board of Directors tries to be very conscientious about spending your generous contributions wisely.

Events like the upcoming Alumni Breakfast this fall are very important to this organization, but we believe they should also pay for themselves. Every alumni who attends pays the cost of their own meal, but we don't mark up the ticket price by more than about a dollar or two to pay for nametags, centerpieces, programs, and door prizes. We announce these alumni events a few months in advance in *The White Cap* and the *Alumni News*, and for the past several years we have also mailed out reminder postcards shortly before each event. These postcards are helpful reminders, but too expensive if we want to keep ticket prices for the Breakfast as low as we can.

So we have decided to stop mailing the reminder postcards, but we will make it easier to remember the upcoming Breakfast by having a pull-out Reservation Form here in *The White Cap*. Just pull out the form and hang it on your refrigerator until you make your plans to attend. Better yet, make your plans today and mail in your check so you won't forget!

Bricks

Another way we have tried to control costs is on the Commemorative Bricks. We love honoring alumni and classes with the bricks, but the real reason we sell them is to raise money for the Student Activities Fund. This fund pays for things like sending students to NODNA's Student Nurses Night, or purchasing books for the library. If we order and install the bricks in lots of 100 or more, we get discounts that leave more money for the students. But this means people who purchase bricks must wait a year or more until their brick is installed on the wall.

At this point, our last brick installation was two and a half years ago. Over 40 alumni have purchased new bricks since then, and we want to get those bricks up in time to be enjoyed by everyone at Homecoming in the Fall of 2015. So we are making a promise: if you purchase a brick by July 1, 2015, your brick will be installed in time for Homecoming. However, we will save a lot of money if 100 bricks have been purchased by then. So we are asking, if you have EVER considered buying a brick, NOW IS THE TIME! If you have NEVER thought about buying a brick, MAYBE YOU SHOULD! Honor your favorite teacher. Say your class is the best. Show your love of Charity, and help the students, too.

Volunteers

Thank you to the following wonderful volunteers:

Beth Pesses '76 organized a group of students and faculty to move a whole bunch of boxes of leftover yearbooks out of a funky utility closet to an accessible storage space. It was a huge, dirty job but now it is so much easier to get to the books when alumni order them!

Ann Dieck '80 and **Ursula Allain '65** helped serve lunch to the graduating seniors on their Professional Issues Day in May. **Patrick Brady '83** is running up more of those Zipper Postcard Cases that sell out so fast at alumni events.

Pam Kemp, a Charity faculty member, has beautifully landscaped the patio where the Commemorative Brick Wall is located. Each plant was selected to attract birds, bees and butterflies. The Alumni Association and the SGA will help with the costs of plants, mulch and other supplies, but Pam's sweat equity is priceless!

Many folks have expressed a desire to volunteer, so we've decided to start an Alumni Volunteer Day on the first Tuesday of each month to take care of a few projects, and have some fun together. We might be working on our alumni scrapbooks, making centerpieces for the Breakfast, or helping with projects around the school. If you are interested in participating in our Volunteer Days, or at events like the Senior Lunch, just let us know by emailing **chsnaaoffice@gmail.com** or calling the office at 504-571-1395 and we will keep you informed about times and what activities are planned each month.

Dues

If you haven't paid your dues for 2014, please renew your membership - or join us for the first time. Annual dues start at only $15 a year and they do so much! Fill out the form on page 19 or go to our website at **www.CharityAlumni.org**. You can include your dues with your reservation for the Breakfast in September - and just write one check - or send them separately.

Check Your Mailing Label

Don't know if you are current on your dues? The number after your name on your mailing label indicates the year your membership expires. For example, "Jane Jones 2014" means your membership is current for 2014. If your label has a "0" or a year earlier than 2014 (such as "2012"), you are overdue to join or renew!

If the numbers on your label are 9999, you are a Lifetime Member; 8888 is a Sustaining Member; 7777 is a non-alumni Friend. If you are in these categories, you do NOT need to renew your membership, but donations are always welcome.

Thank you - and see you in September! ✧

Members of Note

SUSTAINING MEMBERS
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Sherrill Hooper Millard ‘50
Rowena Smith Christensen ‘51
Celina Machin Haynie ‘51
Hazel MacKillican Wilson ‘52
Marijean Martin Pruett ‘54
Rita Jo Neary Ellsworth ‘55
Joan Anderson Blankinship ‘56
Mary McBride ‘57
Esther Ogea Doucet ‘60
Joan Arceneaux Levasseur ‘60
Frances Petho Aponte ‘61
Joan Bero ‘63
Barbara Johnson Roger ‘63
Dorothy Russell Stagg ‘63
Penny Kistler Tolchin ‘63
Janette Foy Brown ‘64
Geraldine Bourgeois Daigle ‘64
Judith Wellman Quigley ‘64
Linda Sue Grimme Fontenot ‘65
Beverly Poche Chapoton’67
Jean Hageney Houin ‘67
Karen Moulliet ‘67
Peggy Portie Parigi ‘67
Betty Schweitzer Toups ‘67
Dr. Marelle Yongue ‘67
Louanna Cardinale Whiddon ‘67
Barbara Bonner Folse ‘68
Charlotte Arras ‘71
Marian Foret Offner ‘71
Jo Ann Rizzutto ‘71
Dorothy Paxson Barker ‘72
Pat Lindsey Mancuso ‘72
Rosalie Parenton Vincent ‘72
Rose-Mary Alexander White ‘72
Dennis and Lynel Pinkozie ‘73
Charlene White Persich ‘74
Mary Susan Le Compte Farrar ‘75
Julie M. Joyce ‘75
Vicky Kent ‘75
Joseph Nigliazzo, Jr. ‘75
Jan Carrio ’76
Bryanne Murray Hamill ‘76
Lane E. McAlister Pierce ‘76
Marilyn Nola Hammett ‘78
Joycelyn Jeansonne ‘78
Sandra Tracy Bailey ‘79
Vickie Morrow Gibert ‘79
William Borne ‘79
Karen DelValle Tampira ‘79
Claudette Boudreaux ‘80
Cydney Trahans Begnaud ‘81
Elizabeth Kelly Carlini ‘82
Renee Rago Schuller ‘83
Patricia Dufrene ‘85
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Grace Spedale Ladd ‘46
Virginia Ourso Hines ‘49
Dorothy Sumrall Livingston ‘50
Shirley Joanne Philbrook Newton ‘56
Joyce Urode ‘60
Paula Favre Brewington ‘69
Ginny Graves Clark ‘69
Patti Rouchon Burcham ‘70
Pamela Elias Welsh ‘70
Jamie Walker Jensen ‘75
Mary M. MacGregor ‘79
Renee Bridget Guidry ‘87
Carol Weed Leefe ‘92

SILVER STAR 2014
Anne Lillard Williams ‘51
Louella Perry Gumpert ’54
Patricia Greenan ‘57
Rosemary Hathorn Holmes ‘62
Connie Young Imhoff ‘65
Constance Kennedy Proctor ‘65
Cynthia Mouret Schexnayder ‘67
Brenda Crump Trosclair ‘68
Ellarea Kerley Farwell ‘69
Gayle Guerin Fertitta ‘70
Camille Bourgeois Whittaker ‘70
Patrice Polito Bruno ’72
Rosemary Lamia Hemelt ‘72
Stephanie Laws ‘73
Donna Corona Brocato ‘74
Olander Belfield Holloway ‘74
Linda Broussard Strong ‘74
Kay Beaulieu Kenney ‘76
Carl Blumberg ‘77
Karen Chabert ‘77
Cathryn Parsons Smith ‘78
Patricia Lane ‘79
Patricia Hampton Tillman ‘80
Melissa Manuel Deshotels ‘81
Janet Smith ‘81
Savana Thomas ‘06

BLUE RIBBON 2014
Shirley Meaut Muhleisen ‘45
Marilyn Landry Roccaforte ‘46
Lorraine LeBarre Horton ‘47
Rita Carmouche Marascalco ’49
Sally A. Phillips ‘49
Sybil Clinton Raper ‘49
Elizabeth “Bette” Rogers Williamson ‘49
Madeline Tolson Markwood ‘52
Jane Boquet Champagne ‘53
Barbara C. Walters ‘53
Carolyn Ross Brakefield ‘54
Laquaita Joy Deshotel Hill ‘54
Gail Braud Decoteau ‘55
Delores Woodcock Carter ‘56
Nancy Mynihan Comish ‘57
Sybil Monroe Joseph ‘57
Kathleen Lee Taylor ‘57
Cecile Ginger Andry ’58
Wilmoth Austin Senentz ‘58
Rosalie Nicolosi Collura ‘59
Anna Martino Meinert ‘59
Ethel Faciane Friend ‘60
Elva Kimbrough ‘60
Beryl Forgey Olhasso ‘60
Mary Ann Ledet ‘61
Phyllis Bourgeois Beeching ‘63
Madeleine Moreau Crawford ‘63
Saundra Mallory Deaton ’63
Yvonne Gauthier McGaha ‘63
Elizabeth Albrecht Mullet ’63
Alice J. Privett ’63
Brenda Rabren Putman ‘63
Charlotte Voinche Guinn ‘64
Patricia Ferguson Lawless ’64
Frances Ainsworth Robichaux ‘64
Diane Blumberg Howell ‘65
Diana Hilborn-Cammatte ‘65
Rita Borne Broussard ‘66
Katherine Eskridge Crawford ‘66
Yvonne Ellender Hawthorne ‘66
Linda K. Fontenot Joiner ‘66
Susan Theriot Gosnell ‘67
Mary Ellen Potier Hebert ‘67
Anne Gaubert LaRose ‘67
Evelyn McClees McNeil ‘67
Carolyn Desselle Righter ‘67
Jacqueline Henry Terrell ‘67
Bonnie Glover Williams ‘67
Cynthia Hebert Liebel ‘68
Juanita Gauthier Deshotel ‘69
Diane Leger Cicero ‘70
Janie Carrier Lefort ’70
Lucille LeBlanc O’Regan ‘70
Mary Goodwyne Ford ‘71
Katherine Manuel Landreneau ‘71
Patricia LeFleur Lewis ‘71
Maria Compagno Roth ‘71
Darilyn Ziifle Schieffler ’71
Fabian Thibodeaux Whitney ‘71
Deborah Edwards Bolotte ‘72
Joan Zeringue Murray ‘72
Susan Pye Stone ‘72
Madeline Cerniglia Totten ‘72

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School of Nursing Dean's Report

By Cheryl Myers, PhD, RN
Executive Dean, CSN Campus/Dean of Nursing

May is always a joyous time of year. The weather is delightful, the excitement of bringing another academic year to a close is in the air, and we are sending the next graduating class into the world of nursing to carry on the tradition of the Charity graduate!

The May 2014 graduating class marks an important milestone in the program's history. The class contains two groups of students - the last class to graduate from the "traditional" curriculum that was implemented when the program became an associate degree program, and the first class to graduate from the newly implemented "conceptual" curriculum. Regardless of the curriculum, the graduates are well prepared, skilled and ready to face the challenges of contemporary nursing, upholding the standards of those who walked the halls before them.

As part of the new curriculum, the faculty have established a practicum component that takes place in the final semester of the program. Students are paired with a preceptor in an acute, long-term care or community setting of their interest. The goal of the practicum is to allow students to more closely focus on the application aspects of nursing and "put it all together." We would love to have some of our Charity graduates serve as preceptors for our students! According to the LA State Board of Nursing, "the preceptor shall have at least two years of practice as an RN and a minimum of one year in the clinical area in which the preceptorship experience occurs. Preceptors shall hold a minimum of a baccalaureate degree in nursing." If you would like to serve as a preceptor, please contact me at **cmyers@dcc.edu** or 504-571-1290 so we can discuss your agency requirements.

Faculty member Jill Lambert is among the nominees for the Seymour Weiss Excellence in Teaching Award, Delgado's highest honor recognizing teaching excellence.

Thanks in part to monetary support from the Alumni Association, a group of seven members of the Charity Association of Student Nurses just returned from an exhilarating experience at the National Student Nurses Association Convention in Nashville TN. We are also grateful for the many scholarships the Alumni Association provides for our students. Your support often makes the difference in whether or not a student can afford to continue in the program, and for that, we are most appreciative.

The future of the program is bright. In the 2013 legislative session, Act 360 provided over $80 million of bond issue to the College for capital outlay projects, of which $35 million is dedicated to establishing a new Nursing and Allied Health campus in the Biomedical District in downtown New Orleans. While the exact location is still to be determined, this campus will be a state of the art facility in which nursing and allied health students will benefit from daily interaction with each other, inter-professional collaboration and learning experiences. What a way to ensure the future of healthcare in our community!

Thank you for your continued support of our students and our program. Wishing you a safe, relaxing summer. ✧

Graduation Awards

Last fall, Charity School of Nursing presented awards to graduating seniors at the Pinning Ceremony on the fortuitous date of Friday, December 13, 2013. The students selected by the Charity faculty to receive awards were: **Carmen Creel**, who had the highest grade-point average; **Megan Ledet**, Sister Stanislaus Malone Award; **Jerica Simporios**, Sister Blanche McDonnell Alumni Award; **Kaitlin Greetham**, the Margaret Palmisano Alumni Award; and **Emily Ovalle**, Award of Distinction.

This spring, graduation awards were presented to the following graduating seniors on May 16, 2014: **Kristen Lacroix**, Highest GPA; **Ebony Baines**, Honor Pin; **Matthew Coy**, Award of Distinction; **Danilo Castillo**, Sister Stanislaus Malone Award; **Andreka Brooks**, Sister Blanche McDonnell Alumni Award; **Paulette Guidry**, Margaret Palmisano Alumni Award; and **Jill Schroeder**, NODNA Leadership Award. The following students were awarded the Theresa Bittenbring and John Henry Marque Fund Student Nurse Award for the top five GPAs for the 2013-14 academic year: **Kristen Lacroix**, **Anet Hoey**, **Matthew Coy**, **Jessica Vicknair** and **Nicholas Blais**. ✧

Charity faculty member Susan Schaff has retired after 39 years of service to the School of Nursing, from 1975 to 2014.

2013-2014 Outstanding Donors

Gifts of $100 or more to Restricted Funds

Alumni Scholarship Fund
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Frances Spicola Cummings '65
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Roberta Bartee '66 - *in memory of Carol Knittle Ross '66*

Multiple Funds
Cecile Ginger Andry '58
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Carl Blumberg '77

Members of Note

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Cynthia Bourgeois Wagley '72
Sherry Simmons '73
Lydia McCoy Smith '73
Ginger O. Broussard '74
Deborah Buckel Brown '74
Jeanne Colligan Juneau '74
Nancy O'Pry Gentry '74
Diana Fontenot Roy '74
Gail Zeringue Bourg '75
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Regina Foster Danner '97
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Denise Angel Glenn Hargis '00
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Nancy Conners Mueller '03
Beverly Rainey '05
Jennifer Bradley Manuel '06
Keesha Berkhalter '08
Geraldine Hopper '08
Robyn Burchfield '10
Susan Wentz '11
Megan Caldwell '12

Below are 2013 Memberships of Note which were received after The White Cap *2013 was printed, through Sept. 2013*:

SISTER STANISLAUS 2013
Dr. Maxine Blackmon Jones '59
Nina Wills Long '68
Stephany Reese McLaughlin '71

SILVER STAR 2013
Dolores Marsh Alford '51
Brenda Rabren Putman '63
Marilee Keating Phillips '64
Judith Webb McNeil '68
Gayle Guerin Fertitta '70
Bonnie Hensley-Mowe '70
Chelsa Duhon Kuhnell '72
Jamie Walker Jensen '75
Kay Beaulieu Kenney '76
Charlene Berger '79
Patricia Lane '79
Dawn M. Taverna '83
Dina Taormina Behrens '85
Nancy Coleman Coffey '85
Johnnie W. Eccles '87

BLUE RIBBON 2013
Lorraine Horton '47
Nickie Schifani Schiele '49
Nancy Mynihan Comish '57
Millie Nash Vilmerding '58
Catherine LaFleur St. Cyr '59
Mary Arnold Gardner '61
Rosemary Hathorn Holmes '62
Yvonne White Hollingsworth '64
Sally Taylor Utke '64
Yvonne Ellender Hawthorne '66
Mary Ellen Potier Hebert '67
Patricia Murphy Solomon '68
Brenda Crump Trosclair '68
Susan Balser Edwards Berry '69
Mary Ann Scheuermann Lish '69
Francine Taaffee Dyer '70
Dianne Theriot Clavin '71
Sandra L. Devine '71
Maylia Pourciau Langlois '71
Patricia LaFleur Lewis '71
Maria C. Roth '71
Jacqueline Porth Owen '73
Nancy Gentry '74
Roxanne Cali '75
Joan Hodge '75
Graciela Pinto-Leyva '75
Marion Sams Johnson '76
Melissa Day Meyers '76
Judy Lynn McMurray Goodman '78
Karen Howard Smith '78
Denise D. Becklehimer '82
Donna Dauterive '83
Elizabeth Martin-Dickup '84
Marie Sonnier Soileau '85
Deena Dodge Rabalais '90
Frances C. Loeske '92
Margaret Schorr '98
Anne Silverstein '98
Lisa Reso '00
Robin Beniger Reese '06
Erin O'Neill Lowe '08
Gina M. Loverde '11
Justin Brunson '13

Charity Alumni Breakfast

Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014 At the Royal Palm

1901 Manhattan Blvd on the Westbank $35.00

Say "Oui, Oui, Mes Ami!" to a de rigueur rendez-vous with your Charity friends this fall!
Say "Bon Appétit!" to a delicious brunch with your choice of Eggs Benedict or Grits & Grillades.
Say "Oh là là!" to our beaucoup souvenirs, and make a bid for a tres chic antique CHSN Cape.
Say "C'est si bon!" - then say "I'll be there!" and now you're talking!
Registration and cash bar opens at 9:30am, Breakfast served at 10:30am.

I will be at the Alumni Breakfast!

How many? _____ Breakfast(s) @$35 each = _____

Please choose your entree(s):
___ Eggs Benedict, or ___ Grits and Grillades

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Name:_____
First name Maiden (or Graduation name) Last name

Class:_____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Bringing a Guest? Please give us their name for the nametag:

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Please purchase your tickets by September 18, 2014, to guarantee your seating!
Mail this form to: CHSN Alumni Association, Delgado Charity School of Nursing, 450 S. Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112

To purchase your tickets. Cut out and mail in the form at left, or go to our website:
www.CharityAlumni.org

Directions to the Royal Palm:

- Take I-10 to the New Orleans Business District, then US-90 Business West across the Crescent City Connection bridge, continue on US-90 Business West, exiting at Exit 6, Manhattan Blvd.
- Take a left onto Manhattan Blvd. Go 1.4 miles.
- Just past 7th Street, there is a traffic light with a left turn lane. Turn left and enter Fountain Park Centre. The Royal Palm is on the right.
- Circle around to the back of the Royal Palm building. The main entrance is in the back, as well as lots of free parking. The Royal Palm phone number is 504-644-4100.

Questions?
Call the Alumni Office at 504-571-1395.

Where Are They Now?

SPOTLIGHT ON: Roberta Bartee '66

By Ann Burghardt-Dieck '80

"Be a nurse. Wear your pin. Go back to school." These were the wise words from one of our most beloved faculty members as she attended her last pinning ceremony in the Fall of 2012. Roberta "Bobbie" Bartee retired from nursing in December 2012, almost 50 years after entering as a student. She recommends December retirement because, "the holidays just go on and on." At first, she felt like she was playing hooky from school, but she now revels in the genteel lifestyle of retirement. "I am able to see movies before they are gone, grow orchids, watercolor, write poems, and leave town every once in a while."

Bobbie's *earliest* Charity memory was before the first day of class as she and a classmate walked the entire nursing building, the school and the dormitory, one floor at a time taking the stairs at each end of the hall. Her *strongest* Charity memory is crossing Gravier Street for clinical. Going or returning, whether with classmates or alone, that Gravier Street divide marked an important walk "between two worlds, vastly different."

Bobbie reminisced that junior students were allowed to work on days off for a whopping $8 *per shift*. Seniors earned $12. Patients were in the care of the nursing student, frequently with an underclassman as the aide. "Students were amazingly well prepared to care for patients, doing everything: admits, discharges, meds, dressings, emergencies, procedures, charting." Back then, IV solutions formulated at Charity were in screw top glass bottles and regulated with Murphy clamps. Gallon glass bottles with stoppers were used for GU bags. Syringes were glass, and you would check the needles for burrs by rubbing a sterile cotton ball over the needle. Rough needles were put aside to be filed down. Information was kept on cards instead of in computers. "And patients were really sick, coming from great distances. People were admitted with remarkable pathologies, and traumas of GSW, MVAs, burns and industrial accidents. There were extensive surgeries."

Bobbie remembers preparing for a clinical as a student nurse. "Odd what fright will do to you! I was assigned a patient with a trach. I looked up the procedure, memorized the care, and lost sleep preparing. The next day at the bedside I lined up the equipment and supplies. I stood by, feeling truly sick awaiting the instructor. She was impressed with my performance, even later wrote that I should teach."

Bobbie chose the three year Charity diploma program because she wanted to get on with life quickly, but the semester before graduation, Sister Blanche introduced the students to the 1965 ANA Position Paper on Educational Preparation for Nurse Practitioners and Assistants to Nurses. The position was, "minimal preparation of beginning professional nursing practice at the present time should be a baccalaureate degree in nursing." Five classmates and Bobbie were motivated to attend Loyola in the evenings during their last semester at Charity, concurrently taking nine credit hours towards their baccalaureate. "I don't know how we did that, all of us worked most weekends." Her Loyola credits and NLN Challenge Exams enabled completion of the baccalaureate degree in two and a half more years.

After graduating from Northwestern University, Bobbie worked in the trauma unit at Big Charity. "I recall one patient with a flail chest. The man was in traction with pins through his sternum for the weights, right there on the unit - there was no SICU. Things were different then!"

Her enthusiasm for working with students on the unit was so obvious that she was offered a faculty position at her alma mater. This began a career as a nurse educator. During Bobbie's first year of teaching, Sister Blanche announced a Masters degree would be required of faculty to teach nursing. "Once again Charity launched me back to school."

A few years later Bobbie graduated from University of Colorado with a Masters of Science and took a position in the LSU ADN program because she wanted to learn about associate degree education. At LSU she taught every

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Roberta Bartee

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course, moving with the class through the curriculum.

She also taught in the BSN program of University of Hawaii. There she found, "Charity graduates are known everywhere." When she brought students for clinical at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, her Charity cap and pin were recognized. The great reputation of Charity Hospital New Orleans preceded her.

Patients at Tripler, were either military or Pacific islanders, including a king and entourage from a small Pacific island. One patient she remembers was a female islander, who survived being scalped when her long hair was caught in the motor of a boat while fishing. After Hawaii, Bobbie taught at Linfield College in Portland, Oregon during the transition of a well-regarded diploma school to a baccalaureate program.

"It is the energy and curiosity of nursing students everywhere that keeps teaching and practice creative and fresh. Learning occurs together." A wealth of experience was built from working in many states, teaching all levels in every type of nursing program, and administrative experiences at Tulane before returning to teach at CSN in 2001.

Bobbie reflected on the past fifty years. "We are fortunate now to see long term effects of vital Charity leadership and amazing faculty. Our school remains open, at the cutting edge, even during trying times of challenge and transition. Significantly, when diploma schools were closing nationally, the wisdom and vision of Sister Blanche created plans which serve us well today. When the school separated from the hospital because of federal funding law, Sally Cooper oversaw the present relationship with Delgado Community College which has kept our doors open, and gave Charity a remarkable national profile. Pat Egers steered us during the period of phenomenal growth of the school after that. Now Cheryl Myers supports and guides us through the transition to a conceptually-based curriculum."

Each change prepares for the next. Strength in our history emboldens for the future. "Over the years, nursing education has changed with the times, our students and patients have not. Our NCLEX pass rates consistently exceed both national and state levels. Incredible numbers graduate each semester."

An active alumna, Bobbie encourages all graduates to join the Alumni Association, keep in touch, and contribute to Charity's success. "We have a lot to be proud of." We are both proud and lucky to have Roberta Bartee counted among us. ✧

Film Explores "Big Charity: The Death of America's Oldest Hospital"

Hundreds of former Charity Hospital employees gathered at the Joy Theatre on April 19 for a work-in-progress screening of a new film about the closing of Charity Hospital. **Big Charity: The Death of America's Oldest Hospital** is a powerful and comprehensive look at the long history of Charity Hospital, her integral role in the community, the dark days of Katrina, and the effect of Charity's closing on the community.

Filmmaker Alex Glustrom moved to New Orleans the day before Katrina struck and later became curious about the "iconic, beautiful, yet abandoned" Charity Hospital building. He and his team spent five years interviewing Charity staff and the community to explore "the real meaning of Charity Hospital," her mission and the dedication of her staff to provide the poor of the city with excellent medical care.

The result is a film that is uplifting and heartbreaking, the story of "the pain that progress can cause."

You can find out more about the film, and get updates on future screenings, at **www.bigcharityfilm.com**. ✧

Pam Kemp, CSN faculty member, has done a beautiful job of landscaping the patio outside the school lobby with flowering plants chosen to attract birds, bees and butterflies.

Alumni News and Notes

LaVerne Carter Stevenson '44 *(Odessa, TX)*: "I've lived in Odessa, Texas, since 1946. I retired from nursing in 1977 after my doctor died. I now work with the Hospital Auxiliary - in my 29th year. I also do Meals On Wheels and I'm very active in my church. I'm thankful that I can do all these things."

Marilyn Massey Carter '54 *(Bonita Springs, FL)*: "I'm so sorry to tell you that one of my classmates passed away, Katie Markey Sullivan, in March. We kept in touch until the end, a rough battle with cancer. I lost my husband and also broke my kneecap so my boys think I should be closer to them. In June, I'm moving to the Air Force Village in San Antonio. I really enjoy reading our alumni news."

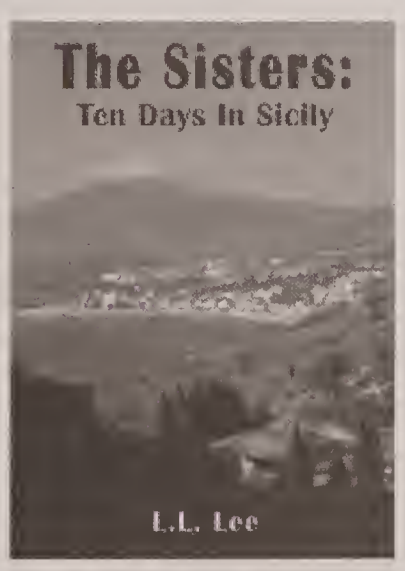
Helen K. Edwards Jaqua '54 *(Cedar Park, TX)*: "I worked in the recovery room at Big Charity after graduation. I moved to Houston later to be close enough to my family to help when my mother had recurring breast cancer. After her death, I moved to Dallas at the urging of my classmate Jackie Lee Hill Everett (in case you were not notified, she died in 2010). In Dallas, I met and married my husband. We have three children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Cedar Park has been our home for the last seven years. We are blessed to still be healthy and active. Our main activity now is volunteering with Cocker Spaniel Rescue of Austin/San Antonio. We foster dogs as well as do other jobs for them. Often we get dogs with medical problems so I can continue my nursing without a license! Thank you for keeping us all in touch."

Nadene Lanzl Hobbs Veltman '56 *(Las Vegas, NV)*: "I was a full time RN for 40 years. I taught Professional Nursing in Corpus Christi, was Nursing Administrator in Tom Ball, Texas, and Patient Services Administrator for 20 years, with plenty of other experiences between these two. In Las Vegas, I designed and built an outpatient Surgical Center along with an ENT physician. After 5 years I retired. Since that time, I have been giving my services to many, many people. I did Risk Management for Humana, I taught physicians how not to get sued. What Charity Hospital School of Nursing taught me is to know what is right. I did not experience very much in my working life that I did not see and learn at Charity. Charity Hospital School of Nursing was an answer to my prayers and it did not disappoint me. It changed my life and the life of countless people that I met in my life. Because of this experience, I have had a rich, fulfilling life. Thanks be to God and the person who paid for my tuition. I have never been able to find out who did it." *See a story by Nadene on page 14.*

Suzy Hooks Andry '59 *(Slidell, LA)*: "I'm still Secretary and Treasurer of my Drainage District here in Slidell, and Speaker Chairman of my Chalmette Kiwanis Club, plus running a six-day reading program for Head-Start both semesters of the school year. And I chair a Dictionary project for my Rotary Club in Slidell. Plus I work a Kiwanis beer booth at the Jazz Fest for the whole fest. I try to tell everyone I'm a Charity graduate. I may start to wear my pin to these events. I am doing well when you add up how old I am!"

Rosemary Hathern Holmes '62 *(Zephyr, TX)*: "As always, I enjoy the newsletter and it reminds me of all the hard work, friends, and the fun times I had there from 1959 to '62!!! I also thank God and my deceased parents for giving me that opportunity! My dad worked for the Texas and Pacific Railroad and I was able to ride the train back and forth to Alexandria, Louisiana. Sister Pauline was in charge then, and I knew one of her brothers who also worked for the Texas and Pacific Railroad. I still do volunteer work in ICU at Brownwood Memorial Hospital. Enclosed is a check for a Charity Badge Holder and my membership dues! I will wear my badge holder with my volunteer nametag at Brownwood Hospital. Also, I love my Charity afghan and I have it on my bed!"

Leona Lipari Lee '63 *(Bay St. Louis, MS)*: Leona has published her fifth book in her popular Sister series under the name L.L. Lee. *The Sisters: Ten Days in Sicily* is a humorous mystery in which we find the five wacky sisters from South Louisiana in the homeland of their Sicilian ancestors, discovering their roots and hiding their inheritance before trying to sneak it out of the country. Leona is also the author of *How To Survive Menopause Without Going Crazy* and *Jude's Bench*. You can visit Leona's page on Amazon at **amazon.com/author/lllee.**



Sharlene Beavers Tetzlaff '66 *(Ormand Beach, FL)*: "I would like to tell you the highlights of my life since I left Charity. I got married in 1967, right after my husband returned from Viet Nam. We were stationed then in Huntsville, Alabama. I worked in the OR at Huntsville until his discharge in 1968. We moved back to Daytona Beach and I went to work in Intensive Care. In '69 and '71 we had two girls – one now lives in

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Honolulu, and one in Florida. In 2006, I retired from Memorial Hospital in Ormond Beach after 31 years in the OR. While I was there, we started the Open Heart Unit and it took off. Lots of time and lots of hours… too much, so in my last three years, I worked in the Same Day Surgical Unit. It was a lot less stressful. My husband retired from teaching after 28 years in 2007. We now live in a gated retirement community (Bear Creek) and are really enjoying it. I have thought about Charity a lot over the past 47 or so years since I graduated."

Tanya Robinson '87 *(New Orleans, LA)*: In February 2014, Tanya was promoted to Patient Care Manager of Post-Partum and Lactation at Touro Infirmary. Tanya began her career at Children's Hospital in New Orleans, then started at Touro in 1999 as a staff nurse in ICU, later moving to Post-Partum. She has a diverse nursing background having worked in Medical Surgical SICU, Maternal Child, Pediatrics, PICU, NICU, Well-Baby Nursery, Infection Control and QA/CQI. She has served as Charge Nurse in Post-Partum as well as assisting the previous Patient Care Manager, and served as Interim Patient Care Manager prior to her appointment to this position. Tanya is also pursuing a MSN in Health Care Systems Management at Loyola University.

The **Class of 1994** will celebrate their 20th Reunion on July 19, 2014, at Smiley's on Jefferson Highway in Metairie. **Angelique Hagmann '94** took the lead in organizing the event which will be three hours of food and drinks, plus a DJ, for $45 per person. If you are from the Class of '94 and have not already contacted Angelique, you can reach her at angeliquehagmann@yahoo.com. If you would like to attend, Angelique must receive your payment before June 19. ✧

I Became Somebody

BY NADENE LANZL HOBBS VELTMAN '56

Nadene is working on a book about her life. This is an excerpt from a story she sent us about an experience in nursing school.

On my first assignment as a green horn pre-clinical, I had only ten patients. The instructor was making rounds on six wards with six different students. I had to give two complete bed baths, give medications to all my patients, hang two IV bottles, take temperatures, turn two patients that could not turn themselves, chart everything that I did, and call medical students to run sugar analysis for two diabetics. It was a very scary time, but no time to worry about it. Just get the tasks done and not make any mistakes. I made my first day with no reprimands from the instructor.

On my fourth day, as I was making rounds at the beginning of my shift, I came to a patient that was sweating and very uncomfortable. She was having chest pain. I paged the doctor and my instructor. I gave a shot of morphine that was ordered for chest pain. There were no intensive care units at all. I was bathing the patient's face with cool water, praying for God to help her and trying to soothe her until the doctor came.

The patient just stopped breathing. No drama. It was obvious to me that she was dead. No pulse and no respiration. I could tell that no one was in that body, but nurses were not allowed to say someone was dead. We could only record the time that respiration and pulse ceased.

It was shocking the first moment I realized what was happening. I had never seen a dead body and never been taught how to cope with a death. The only thing covered in class was how to clean up and prepare the bed for another patient. This woman was alone to face her death. She had no one there but me - an inexperienced nurse wiping her face and talking softly, and patting her.

The tragedy of being alone as if no one cared about you was overwhelming to me. Who would tell her family? Did she have family? Who would miss her? Surely someone loved her, surely someone cared. Is this what death is like? You just quit breathing and you are gone with so little warning? Is this how it always is?

The doctor came. Yes, she is dead. The instructor came. Yes, you can now get checked off on post mortem care. God, does anyone care? I carefully bathed the woman's body, put dry, clean clothes on her, smoothed her hair and helped the orderly put her on a stretcher to be taken to the morgue.

As I continued with my tasks, I realized that something was flowing through me. I had shared a most intimate time with one of God's precious souls. I became somebody, my life counted for something. I was the one who was there for my dying patient. I wiped her face, I rubbed her and patted her and whispered to her. I relieved her pain. I confronted my fear, I learned to love her. God put his hands on her through me. She was not alone. She had me. I cared.

It is not something you are taught in class. It is something learned by being there and doing what is right, by giving what little you have, for loving and for caring.

There was no time to mourn. Living patients waited for their medications. All this had to be recorded on the chart. Lunch would come. More medications and more charting to follow. At 2:00 I had to be in class and not be late. ✧

Goodbyes

Leona Madeline Kruebbe Hilbert '46: Leona was born on February 19, 1925, in New Orleans, graduating from Dominican High School, and going on to graduate from Charity Hospital School of Nursing in 1946. She later served as an Assistant Instructor in Nursing Arts at Charity. She was married for 63 years to Dr. Gerard Hilbert and they had eight children, eight grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter, Madeline. Leona's strength, kindness, and tender heart as a nurse, friend, mother, aunt, and grandmother were blessings upon all who knew her. Leona was enchanted by the song of the mockingbird and she delighted in the beauty of magnolias, dogwoods, and azaleas - all parts of the nurturing home she created for her family on the beautiful Gulf Coast. Shortly before her death in November 2013, her family created the Leona Hilbert Scholarship at Charity School of Nursing in her honor. Her beloved husband, **Dr. Gerard Hilbert**, died only a couple of months after Leona, and the Hilbert Family chose once again to assist the students of Charity by dedicating donations from friends and family in his memory to the Leona Hilbert Scholarship Fund. Over $4,600 has been donated. The first awarding of the Leona Hilbert Scholarship was in February 2013, to Charity student **Katherine Silva**. Our thanks to the Hilbert Family and all the generous donors:

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Marilyn Dunlap Baquet '57: "Marilyn was a faithful alum who always attended functions to gather with her classmates. She was at the Alumni Luncheon in March, and passed away a few weeks later on April 25. Please accept this contribution in her memory and use it for the Scholarship Fund." *- from Lucille Capo Castine '57*

Marie Jardell '41: "My mother, Marie Louise Jardell, Class of 1941, died on August 4, 2008. My mother was a veteran of World War II, serving as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps at Fort Polk, Louisiana. She finished her professional career as an operating room nurse at Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital in Sulphur, Louisiana, retiring in 1982. When I was looking through the alumni website, I was struck by the cape. I think my mother gave hers to her sister, who was securing wool from which she made rugs. I certainly wish now that Momma had kept it. I can remember as a child putting it on and feeling so very important! My daughter will graduate from nursing school in May 2014. She will have her very own RN pin - and she will have her Grandmother's, too. My mother was so proud of her profession and that she was an RN. She also said that many doctors told her that by her knowledge, they knew that she was trained properly and extremely well. That was also a point of pride for her. She did indeed receive a fine education at Charity Hospital School of Nursing."
- from Elizabeth Morris

In Memoriam

Myrtle Ridgedell Swords '34 (12/8/13)
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Andrea "Andie" Murphy Cunningham '00 (1/24/14)

Seven CASN Students Attend National Convention

CASN students attended the National Student Nurses Association Convention in Nashville, TN, this April.

In April, seven members of CASN, the Charity Association of Student Nurses, were able to travel to Nashville for the 62nd Annual National Student Nurses Association Convention. The theme of this year's convention was "Strong Voices and Big Dreams: Influencing the Future" and the event proved to do just that.

The convention's theme was kicked off at the opening night ceremony as inspirational speakers highlighted the many ways that nurses are continuing to expand our roles and responsibilities in the medical field.

The Opening Night Party was a country jamboree that provided the CASN students with the first of many opportunities to meet students from around the country and network with fellow student nurses associations.

The Charity students participated in the House of Representatives, learning the complexities of parliamentary procedure, hearing resolutions and voting as delegates. It was a motivational experience to have a voice in the discussions and deliberations, and to have an active role in setting agendas on a national scale.

Throughout the convention they also had the chance to attend numerous focus sessions. Some were helpful for their nursing education, including "Improve your Test Scores by Thinking like a Nurse," "Put Power in Your Memory," and, "Pharmacology Made Insanely Easy." Others explored issues the students will face as professionals, such as teamwork, patient safety, and advanced practice nursing.

"We met some wonderful people and learned a great deal," said Fred Vairin, CASN President. "It was an amazing opportunity to see the big picture outside of our own school. Many of us could not have made the trip without financial assistance from the alumni. On behalf of the entire organization of CASN, we appreciate the generosity and support that the Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association has shown us."

The CASN students who attended the 2014 National Convention were: **Fred Vairin**, President; **Jill Schroeder**, Vice-President; **Melissa Ostermann**, Secretary; **Shari Duley**, Treasurer; **Tracie Kaplan**, Media Coordinator; **Toya Smith**, Community Service Coordinator; and **Adonis Cordero**, President-Elect. ⟡

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www.CharityAlumni.org

CSN Faculty and Alum Receive Nightingale Awards at Loyola

On Friday, May 9, **Kimberly Uddo**, professor at Delgado Charity School of Nursing, received the distinguished Loyola University doctor of nursing practice (DNP) Nightingale Award.

That same day, Loyola awarded the bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) Nightingale Award to **Angel Hargis**. Angel was taught by Kim Uddo at Delgado Charity School of Nursing, and graduated in the Class of 2000.

Kim Uddo graduated from Loyola's DNP program and Angel Hargis graduated from the Loyola BSN program on May 10 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. ✧

Left: Dr. Kimberly Uddo, CSN faculty, and Angel Hargis, Class of 2000, received Nightingale Awards at Loyola University.

Below: The Class of '49 celebrated 65 years together at the Alumni Luncheon in April. Left to right: RoseJeanne Buccola, Margaret Goepfert Hargis, Mary Smith Singletary, Jackie Ourso Hines, Betty Holmes Tafaro, Katherine Lusk Lindsey, Joyce Delatte Kelly and (seated) Margaret Oalmann Palmisano.

Class of 9-10-65 Planning for Reunion and a Class Brick

BY URSULA ALLAIN '65

It's not too early to mark your calendars for October 2015. We plan to celebrate our 50th Class Reunion at the Charity School of Nursing Homecoming that month. The exact date is yet to be decided, but we are thinking ahead!

Dianna Hilborn Howell '65 and **Donna Dupont Cooper '65** asked me if our class had a Commemorative Brick. While several individuals from our class have purchased their own bricks, there is none in honor of our Class. The cost is $100 – not much divided among us! We can have three lines, with 20 characters on each line.

If you are interested in making a contribution toward a Class of '65 brick, please send a few dollars and your suggestions for what it should say to: Ursula Allain, 4309 Colorado Ave, Kenner, LA 70065.

You can see what the Commemorative Bricks look like, and maybe get some ideas, by going to the Alumni website at **CharityAlumni.org** and click on the tab for "Bricks."

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at Homecoming in October 2015 – or maybe at the Alumni Breakfast this September! ✧

Seniors enjoy the lunch provided by the Alumni Association on May 1 for their Professional Issues Day.

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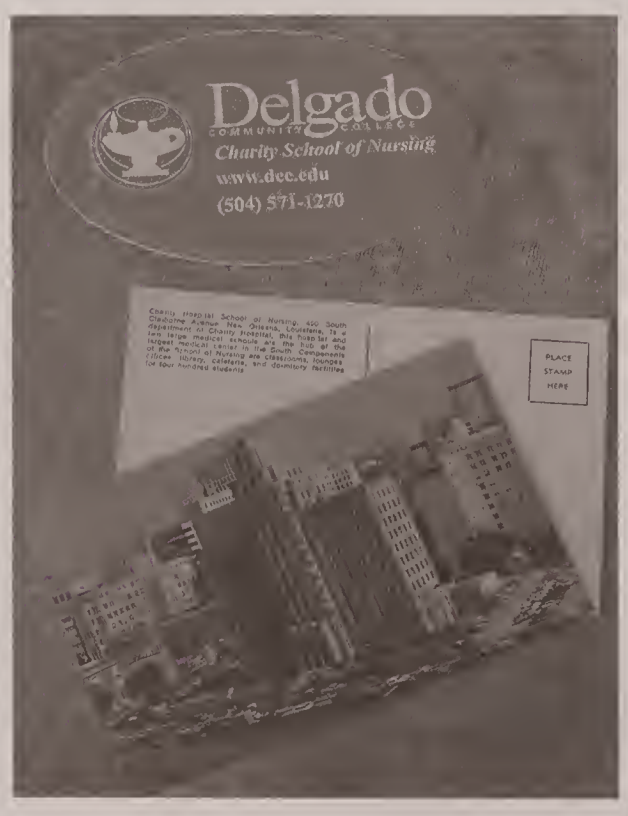

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From the President

By BRYAN J. CAMUS '12

"The times they are a-changin'!" (In *The White Cap* I brought a li'l bit o' Elvis to the table so this time I thought I'd toss in some Dylan.) Days are getting shorter, nights are getting longer, fall is turning into winter, and CSN Level 4 students are a-changin' into incredibly awesome Charity nurses!

I had a chance to meet many of the Level 4 students earlier this month on their Professional Issues Day, when the Alumni Association provided lunch for the seniors. A big part of the day is the seniors doing group presentations on challenges they will face in their future jobs. I watched one on "Incivility in the Workplace," and these students gave such a terrific presentation that their classmates gave them an ovation!

When they broke for lunch, so many of the seniors came to thank us for providing the meal that it really reinforced to me how important this event is for us to connect with our future members! My thanks to our alumni volunteers (**Ursula Allain '65**, **Charlene Berger '79** and **Ellen Manieri '77**), but I especially want to thank all of you who donate to the Student Activities Fund, because you make it possible for us to do it!

Tres Bien Breakfast

I hope everyone enjoyed our annual Breakfast Meeting in September as much as I did! In keeping with our tongue-in-cheek themes spoofing the challenge of traveling to the Westbank, we imagined ourselves traversing the Atlantic (rather than just the Mississippi) and visiting Paris! Eiffel Tower centerpieces set the stage (generously lent to us by the Krewe of Medea under the good graces of **Joycelyn Jeansonne '78**). Almost 150 alumni were there, and the event was made extraordinary by the **Class of 1964** celebrating their Fifty-Year Reunion in high style. You'll enjoy the article about the reunion by **Judith Quigley '64** on page 3, and the article by faculty member **Barbara Zeuger** on page 4, too.

Left to right: Barbara Zeugner, Susan Shaff and Joycelyn Jeansonne '78 at the Alumni Breakfast in September.

Patsy Lawless '64 cried when her daughter presented her with the antique CHSN cape she won in the Silent Auction. **Patrick Reed '90** donated a very cool art piece of the Charity Hospital front door facade that was won by **Beverly Cazayoux '61**. **Linda Monica '68** won the 50/50 Drawing and collected over $200!

Awe & Sadness

I continue to be in awe of the Charity nurses who came before me and the contributions they have made to our school, our city, and our profession. I actually had the opportunity to compare experiences with an alum who graduated in 1942! **Elizabeth Knight Vanderwall '42** was the 'most senior' alumni at the Breakfast. (The things she has seen and experienced would send me screaming for Hibiclens and hand sanitizer!)

Along with my awe came a little sadness that **Susan Schaff** has retired from the DCC/Charity School of Nursing. What a legacy she leaves behind: literally thousands of Charity students have benefitted from her

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calm, reassuring guidance!

Legacies

Speaking of legacies, the CHSNAA legacy is still 'a-making'! I have said it before and I will say it again, your support is so important to the continued success of the Alumni Association's mission.

I am still a recent enough grad that I remember all too clearly the struggles of nursing school. What a difference it made to find someone who understood how hard I was trying and how frustrating it was to learn to "think like a nurse!" The positive effects of an organization like CHSNAA, that was always there to give support to me and my classmates, can never be overstated! As the times are a-changin', the current needs of our future alumni are a-changin', too. Through your generosity at our events (and throughout the year), you have allowed CHSNAA to grow and adapt to assist in meeting the needs of the students.

Spring Luncheon

Next, we have the Spring Luncheon to look forward to! Mark **March 21, 2015**, on your calendar! The tickets are only $35 - where can you get a great meal and such spectacular company for that price? We are doing our best to keep the price low, and that is a to-the-bone, break-even price for us. We don't make any money on these events, which makes your membership and other donations all the more important.

At the Breakfast, left to right: Patrick Brady '83, Vivian Manes '70, Daphne Valteau '00, Vickie Malbrue '00, Karen Dantin '78, Christy Wildey '85, Gerard Oncale '93, Anne Pizzeck '93, SGA President Vantrelle Coleman, CASN President Adonis Cordero, SGA Secretary Joneisha Davis.

Homecoming Scheduled

Now, while you've got your calendars out, here's the scoop: **Homecoming** is set for **October 17-18, 2015**! All the details will be in *The White Cap* in the spring, but start planning early to get your classmates together. I expect to see some major class reunions - though you'll have to go a long way to outshine the Class of 1964. The bar has officially been raised! This promises to be the Best. Homecoming. Ever! Because YOU will be there!

One thing will never be a-changin', no matter how many years go by. It is the spirit of Charity. It's a concept that can't be destroyed, or shuttered like a locked-up building. It's this thing in our hearts that is Charity.

Thank you to the Board, our volunteers, and to everyone in the Alumni Association for your support of Charity and her nurses of the future.

See more photos at:

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The Class of '64 Celebrates 50 Years with Laughter and Fun-Filled Days

BY JUDITH WELLMAN QUIGLEY '64

Above, the Class of '64 applauds Judith Quigley for organizing the reunion. Below, the Class of 1964 together.

Well, it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. What fun we had! We ate together, we talked, we laughed, we told stories about when we were in school. We rode the Hop-On Hop-Off Sightseeing Bus, we rode trolleys, we took the Lunch River Cruise. We ate at Mother's, Deanie's, Café du Monde, Irene's, Brocato's, Bubba Gump and many other spots! We walked Bourbon Street, we shopped, we stayed up late laughing and talking. We walked 'til our feet hurt (even those of us with walkers!) We laughed until we could hardly breathe (not to mention rush trips to the restroom before we had an accident!)

We remembered nun stories and dorm stories and hospital stories. We went to the World War II Museum. We walked through the new (to us!) Delgado Education Building and looked at the memorabilia in the display cases. We walked around the outside of Charity Hospital where everything is shuttered and guarded to prevent intruders... We walked past LaSalle and Cleveland, but Joe's is no longer there - nothing now but a small grassy lot for parking. Saaaadddd....

Every day somebody new came to town and we would all meet up. Virginia picked Vera up at the airport and then they met up with us. JoAnn picked up Kay from the airport. Rita and Alice carpooled from Slidell. Eloise's daughter and grandchildren drove her to town and stayed for a visit. Marilyn and Carol and Pat carpooled in from across the lake. Nellie and Duane came from Washington State; Marilee and Jim came from Kentucky; Judy and Ken and Patsy came from Misssisippi. Alice and Penny came from Alabama. Eloise, Margaret, Carol, Kay, Virnita, Janette and Homer came from Texas. Rita, Sue, Judy and Fran came from Florida. Vera came from Georgia; Joan and Judy came from California.

On Friday night, we had our own reunion dinner. **Charlotte Guinn** worked with the hotel so we had our own dining room. **Estelle Rome** had made flower arrangements ahead of time - that girl can always moonlight as a florist if times get tough! She and Charlotte and their helpers - Carol, Patsy and a few others - set up the tables with the flowers, Charity nurses caps, and candle holders from our Capping Ceremony. We had capes hanging from the ceiling. We had a silent auction of items that David Holmes had given to us after **Ann Jones Holmes** died.

Marilee Keating brought her memory box which her family had surprised her with as a gift. Her senior picture, cap, cape, scissors, pennant, Pat O'Brien's picture and folder, her certificates and awards. It's just beautiful - and huge! She brought it all the way from Kentucky to make our dinner special. Charlotte brought a big poster with the class picture from Capping - and an unofficial class picture at Pat O'Brien's after Capping!

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Charlotte had arranged for some special gifts: The classmate who traveled the farthest - Nellie from Washington State - got a t-shirt that read "Do you want to talk to the doctor, or to the nurse who knows what's going on?" After much debate, the classmate who has worked the most consecutively for the past 50 years was determined to be Patsy. She had gone back to work after her babies were born because she doesn't like babies! Patsy got a shirt that said, "The best nurses are classy, sassy and a bit smart-assy." Well, if that doesn't describe Patsy! I got a shirt that reads, "Nurse Judy calls All the shots!" Charlotte outdid herself!

At each place setting was a packet with a name badge with each classmate's senior picture (so we could recognize each other!), our class date, our old and new names, the Nightingale Pledge and a little pink ribbon. An anonymous donor paid for all the wine - and it flowed! It added to the laughter and the warmth of the evening. I am very grateful to that donor and the donor knows it!

At the Alumni Breakfast on Saturday, thirty-one (out of 55) classmates and eleven spouses, sisters and friends showed up! Way short of the fifty attendees I had hoped for, but certainly a nice showing! We filled about four and a half tables! We wore our nametags from the night before so every person in the room knew who we were and what class we were!

Doris Burvant '60 was there. There were Charity souvenirs for sale, and silent auctions. Patsy's daughter Stephanie bid on a cape and won, then presented it to her mom to replace the one Patsy lost during Hurricane Katrina when her office blew away with all her nursing school memoribilia. They called us up individually and gave us Golden Anniversary Certificates - really nice and big (so we can read them? You think?). And there were door prizes - Charity umbrellas, trinket boxes with the Charity seal...

I don't know how we did it but, honestly, we have managed to meet and marry the nicest group of men out there! Every one of the husbands (and friends!) was pleasant, cordial and considerate - just a really nice bunch of guys. They had their own conversations as they watched us regress 50 years! They laughed with us and were very patient. I think they had fun, too!!

My daughter Maureen flew in from Long Beach, California, and Pat's brother Tom and his wife drove in from San Antonio, Texas, in order to serve as our film crew. They did pictures and movies!

The 50th Reunion is over and it won't come again, but there's always the 51st! And 52nd, and so on - so start thinking now about how you might be able to come the next time and who you could carpool with, or take a plane with, or room with... ☙

Love and History on the Westbank

BY BARBARA ZEUGNER, CSN Associate Professor

I had the pleasure of attending my first CHSN Alumni breakfast in which over thirty 1964 nurses topped the chart in attendance and festivity. If one does the math, that's 1500 years of experience from the 1964 class which frankly takes my breath away. I should have brought my sunglasses for all the flashes going off (and this generation uses cameras, not cell phones).

Judy Wellman Quigley '64 organized her 50th anniversary nurse-groupies and they all wore ID badges made with the attendees original CHSN nursing photo. That was quite a smash and gave rise to speculation about who looked the youngest (not going there).

CHSNAA president **Bryan Camus '12** sported the snappiest jacket I've ever laid eyes on and officiated at this fine event with his characteristic dry humor, eloquent diction and warmth. **Jenn Garnand '11** took a break from competing in Iron-Man athletic events to deliver a lovely poem and prayer. I was delighted that several current nursing students were in attendance, all of whom are exceptional individuals who have a sense of the sweetness of being proud of our school's history.

Recognizing Some Special Nurses

Of special significance to me was the celebration of my beloved stepmother **Virginia Falgout Baldwin '64** (aka Twiggs), who continues to nurse as a rehab case manager and serve as matriarch-extraordinaire to all who know her.

In addition to schmoozing with Charity veterans, I had the pleasure of recognizing CSN's most cherished recent retiree **Susan Schaff.** After teaching for 39 years, Susan joined the coveted status of *retired* this May. Susan, a first generation German immigrant, "did her job" (her synopsis of her notable career) with poise, skill and equanimity through more changes in health care and education than we could shake a stick at. Students loved her. Faculty revered her, sought her counsel and cried big tears when she left the building for the last "official" day.

Hats off to the love and history that buzzed on the West Bank this Saturday. It's humbling to imagine how many people have been touched, comforted and healed by the hands of these countless nurses in attendance and those unable to attend. Then there's Susan Schaff, who raised up the next generation of technology swash-buckling, new-age nurses and sent them off with everything they need to know. May they always hear her patient voice in their head as they charge forth into the future with confidence and allegiance to Charity School of Nursing. ☙

Leona Hilbert Family Dedicated Fans of CSN

Dr. Paul Hilbert established a scholarship in memory of his mother **Leona Kruebbe Hilbert '46** last year , and this fall he had an idea to raise more money to benefit Charity students. He donated a pair of Saints vs Baltimore Ravens Pre-Season tickets and a pair of Tulane vs. Southeastern Louisiana tickets, hoping we could do a raffle. The time frame was short so we offered the tickets up through two silent auctions by email to Charity alumni.

The bidding for the Saints tickets was spirited and **Patti Taylor Lapeyre '86** was delighted to be the winner of the Plaza Club level seats! There seem to be fewer Tulane fans among our alumni, but **Ann Marie Pizzeck '93** was happy to score two tickets in the new Tulane stadium! The auctions raised almost $600 and Dr. Hilbert plans to donate more tickets in the future. So, be sure we have your current email address if you want to participate!

Dr. Hilbert and his wife Elizabeth came to visit Charity School of Nursing in September, and to meet the two students who have received the Leona Hilbert Scholarships. **Vantrelle Coleman** was the Fall 2014 recipient and **Katherine "Gabby" Silva** received the award in Spring 2014. The two students took the Hilberts on a tour of the school along with **Ursula Allain '65**, chairman of the Scholarship Committee.

They met with **Dr. Cheryl Myers**, learned about the school's history and the new curriculum, and met CSN librarian **Sharon Robinson** (who leads our Art & Archives preservation efforts). They viewed the restored diplomas and photographs. They looked for Leona in the class photos on the first-floor hallway. Vantrelle, President of the SGA, presented them with SGA t-shirts.

We are so proud that the Hilberts have taken such a strong interest in the school and its students. They have gone beyond being benefactors and have truly become members of the Charity family.

More Scholarship Donors Provide for More Awards

The Alumni Association presented scholarships and awards to Charity students on September 8 as part of the Promotion and Awards Ceremony at the school. When applications were being accepted at the end of the spring semester, we had only six scholarships to offer – and we had 36 wonderful applicants. But, because of the incredible outpouring of donations from our alumni, we were able to give nine scholarships - and nine Pin Awards!

Gloria Redmond Ashman '48 sent us a check for $1,000 for scholarships and the Scholarship Committee decided to offer two Level 2 scholarships of $250 and four Pin Awards this semester.

Dr. Maxine Blackmon Jones '59, who established the Ruth Wallace Fund after Ruth's death, gave us an extra $100 so we could give two Ruth Wallace Pin Awards.

Mary Smith Singletary '49 and **Saundra Owens Robert '56** gave $250 each in honor of Sister Camilla's 99th birthday so we could offer the Sister Camilla Gaudin Award again this year.

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Above, Dr. and Mrs. Hilbert with students Vantrelle Coleman and Gabby Silva. Left, the September 2014 Scholarship Winners.

Your heart will always be at Charity.

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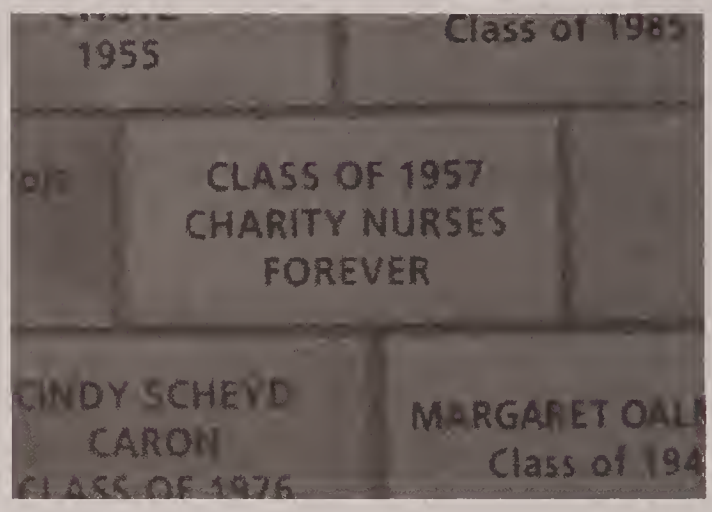

A Commemorative Brick is a great way to say, "I'm proud to be a Charity graduate." The bricks are mounted on a wall in the courtyard off the nursing school lobby. Funds raised by brick sales provide support for educational enhancements at the school. When you purchase a brick, you (or your gift recipient) will receive a certificate suitable for framing. Order a brick for yourself, as a gift, in memory of a classmate, in honor of that special teacher, or to show your class pride. You can see the wall online at our website: CharityAlumni.org.

SPECIAL DEADLINE: Any brick purchased by July 1, 2015, is guaranteed to be installed in time for Homecoming in October.

It may be three years or more before we install another group of bricks, so you don't want to miss this chance to see your brick in place. If you've ever thought about buying a brick, now is the time to do it!

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The **Carroll LeBlanc Pin Award** had special significance. Carroll LeBlanc was the father of **Monica LeBlanc Johnson**, a Class of 1993 graduate and a Charity Level 2 Instructor. When Mr. LeBlanc passed away in August, the Level 2 Faculty joined together to make donations in his memory to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. They were so generous in their support of Monica and her family that the Scholarship Committee decided to dedicate this Pin Award in honor of Monica's dad. Monica joined us at the ceremony to present the award.

Jean Barga Gordon '67 and **Sylvia Obregon Moffitt '64** each sent us $100 for scholarships so we gave Pin Awards in their names as well!

The awards and their recipients were: Level 2, Sister Blanche McDonnell Scholarship, $500: **Joyce Morin**. Level 3, Hugh and Marie Garcia Roach Scholarship, $1,000: **Elizabeth Blappert**; Leona Kruebbe Hilbert Scholarship, $500: **Vantrelle Coleman**; Gloria Redmond Ashman Scholarship, $250 each: **Markeshia Williams** and **Kristine Wilson**.

Level 4, Sally Cooper Alumni Scholarship, $1,000: **Mercedes Goings**; Jeansonne Scholarship, $500: **Ashley Bickham**; Mary Ann Signorelli Whynot Scholarship, $500: **Shaletha Bell**, Sister Camilla Gaudin Scholarship, $500: **Courtney Lehman**.

Pin Awards

The Pin Awards (up to $100 for Level 4 students towards their graduation pins) were: Carroll LeBlanc Pin Award: **Kellie Roach**; Ruth Wallace Pin Awards: **Marci Combs** and **Melissa Rivera**; Jean Barga Gordon '67 Pin Award: **Shelly Brooks**; Sylvia Obregon Moffitt '64 Pin Award: **Laura Koonz**; Gloria Redmond Ashman '48 Pin Awards**: Megan Carter**, **Lauren Finnan**, **Stephanie Mulder**, and **Bridgette Singleton**.

Federation Awards

In addition, the Federation of Registered Professional & Licensed Practical Nurses of Charity Hospital Awards of $500 went to **Anthony Saltaformaggio** in the RN program and **Sierra Smith** in the PN program.

Thank you to all who made donations large and small to support the Scholarship Fund. You make a difference for these outstanding students! We are already looking toward our scholarships for the spring - and already have a few donations that will support our scholarship and pin awards! We hope we will be able to give just as many (if not more!) awards next semester.

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Sister Camilla Continues to Serve

BY SAUNDRA OWENS ROBERT '56

Less than five feet tall and quite petite, Sister Camilla had boundless energy. That energy carried her through good times and bad.

She was born on July 2, 1915, in Bayou Goula, Louisiana to a plantation sugar boiler and his wife. Sister entered the Daughters of Charity in 1935.

After completing her formation, she was sent to study in Chicago at St. Joseph Hospital. She returned to Louisiana to work in the Charity Hospital system.

Sister Camilla served as supervisor of the orthopedic department at Charity Hospital for 32 years, then spent another 18 years at Charity Hospital serving as patient liaison.

Many of us remember her as the Supervisor of the 7th floor at Charity Hospital. She was a no-nonsense person and ran a very tight ship, seeing that the patients were bathed early in the morning and given back rubs before the ward lights were turned off at night.

Sister Camilla was very supportive of the student nurses, and that is the reason many Charity students wanted to work on the 7th floor after they graduated. Though not a graduate of the School of Nursing, Sister Camilla was named an Honorary Member of the CHSN Alumni Association. Sister Camilla was residing in Bridgeton, Missouri, in recent years. She celebrated 75 years as a Daughter of Charity just before she died in November 2010.

Because of this wonderful woman's dedication to serving others, **Mary Smith Singletary '49** made a very generous donation to the Alumni Association to establish the **Sister Camilla Gaudin Scholarship** to benefit Charity nursing students. I have been honored to join with Mary in funding this scholarship each year, and we are delighted to have been able to award $500 scholarships to several outstanding Charity students.

We hope other alumni will help maintain this memorial to this much beloved member of the Charity community. Sister would be delighted to see her early efforts carried on by nurses of the future!

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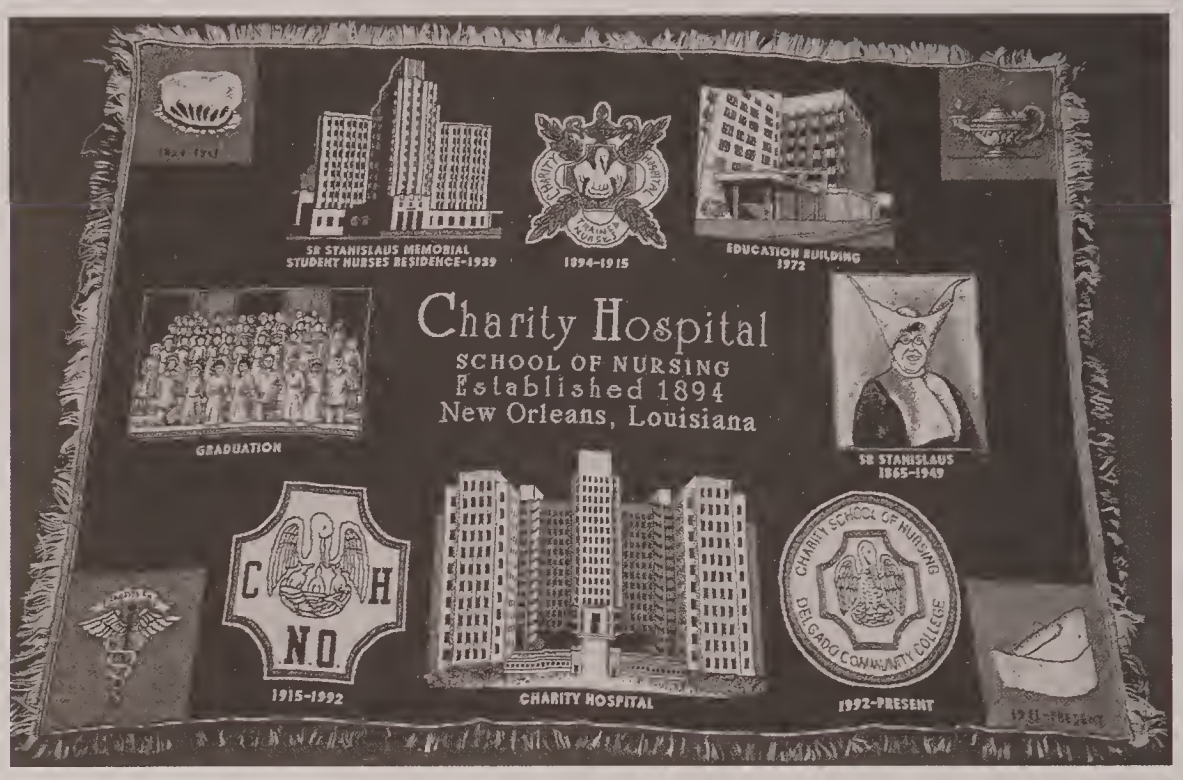

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- Colleen Ford Heller '84

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As a little girl she would always put band-aids on her dolls...

SPOTLIGHT ON: GOLDIE HUGUENEL '56

By Ann Burghardt-Dieck '80

Goldie Baker Huguenel '56, grew up in Mid City with two sisters and a brother. Her weekly streetcar rides to Canal Street took her past a huge building on Tulane Avenue where one day her childhood fantasies would morph into a future in nursing.

"I just always knew I wanted to be a nurse," declares Goldie. And when Career Day at Sacred Heart included representatives from Charity Hospital School of Nursing, her course was set. Goldie opted not to follow her brother to LSU or take advantage of a full scholarship to Mercy Hospital's school of nursing. Instead, this little girl who patched up her dolls wanted to study inside "Big Charity," the building she had so often passed.

Goldie accepted the rigors of Charity Hospital School of Nursing: a full three year commitment, no summers off, mandatory residence in the dorm, and even postponing marriage until after graduation. She remembers how "the students manned the hospital, providing direct patient care." Life-long bonds were formed as the students would visit one another's rooms and share war stories of their exploits into this new world of nursing. "It was our debriefing time – everyone helped one another. No one ever said 'that's not my job.'"

Act I of her nursing career lasted 30 years, starting as a staff nurse in Pediatrics at Charity, she ultimately became Clinical Director of Pediatrics (9th floor) and Perinatal Services (10th floor). She retired her full-time position at Charity Hospital in 1986. After leaving nursing, she found pleasure in travel and even became a tour director for about 5 years, traveling all over the country and Canada. She says her observation skills honed from years as a nurse served her well.

Then Act II began in 1994 when she just couldn't stay away from her chosen profession. Big Charity called her again and she returned part-time as a patient liaison in the Emergency Room. There, she would follow the doctors and nurses making sure patients and their families understood what was happening to them. "Comforting patients in their time of need or locating a patient's family for them was very rewarding." She became the Patient Liaison RN Coordinator full-time, and expanded the liaison role to include comforting grieving families, identifying unknown patients, and coordinating 24/7 services for patients and families. It was in this position that Goldie was working when a Code Grey was called in August 2005.

Goldie recalls responding on Sunday morning at 6am as part of the Activation Team. She reported to work with 2-3 days of clothes as she had on numerous occasions before. The next day, Monday, "we were okay – just no electricity. Pretty soon, we realized water was all around us and maybe we were not so okay. We all agreed no one leaves until all patients are evacuated."

She remembers the smells and the lack of food. She recalls moving around 70 patients from the ER to the auditorium. She can recount with harrowing clarity the difficulty of caring for patients in the most horrible conditions imaginable. Forever humble, she says, "the patients were the real heroes." She recalls the little things: the impact of a forgotten bag of starlight mints found in her locker – "they were like a gift from heaven." Goldie shared her candy, her hope and her optimism with co-workers and patients alike. This became increasingly difficult as she and others became imprisoned in the very building that charmed her as a child.

"It was beyond frustrating to watch the hospital across the street being evacuated with private helicopters while listening to TV correspondents incorrectly report Big Charity was empty of all patients. We had to get the message out. So we decided to write 'We're still here' on sheets and hang them out the window."

Stranded until Friday night with no electricity – no water – no plumbing – no food – and dwindling hope, it was the Texas Wildlife and Fisheries who came to the rescue with air boats to evacuate the patients. Not until after all the patients were safe did Goldie and other staff find refuge on buses that were airport bound. "It was difficult, I didn't know where my family was, or where I was going." But she knew her patients were safe and that was paramount.

Act III is still in progress. It started in 2006 when the Interim LSU Hospital opened. Goldie returned to work part-time, again as a patient liaison, and she is still comforting people today as a bereavement facilitator for

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Goldie Huguenel

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patients' families and staff.

When Goldie is not helping her patients she is a loving wife of 58 years, mother to two grown sons, has five grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She loves to spend time on the North Shore in Slidell at a camp in the bayou. "I love to crab and fish and watch the kids swim. During the summer we go most every weekend." Goldie also enjoys gardening and making time for her four cats.

Her husband and son are involved with the Shriners so it is not unusual to find Goldie busy with fund raisers, dances, parties and conventions. "I love to dance." She enjoys reading, mostly non-fiction biographies, and recommends self-help books, especially those authored by a favorite psychologist, Dr. Wayne Dyer.

Goldie sees classmates at our semiannual alumni meetings and recently reconnected with her nursing school roommate, JoAnn, on Facebook.

Goldie has enjoyed a full career as a nurse and after 58 years she is still working. She has a lot to be proud of and shows no signs of slowing down. In 2011, she was named a Great One Hundred nurse. In 2012, she was one of the nurses featured in Carolyn Jones' book *The American Nurse*.

About 2 years ago, she was interviewed by the producers of the documentary *Big Charity*. The film holds a special place in her heart and the sentiment comes through the screen as you watch her in the movie. She provides a historical perspective of Charity Hospital, and assists in providing a factual account of what happened in that building in August of 2005.

This year, Goldie has been invited to speak to nursing organizations about her work as a nurse and the impact nursing has had on her, her patients and the community. Way to go, Goldie!

Alumni Letters & Notes

Dolores Trahan Acosta '47: "Thanks so much for *The White Cap*. It brightens my day when I receive it."

Mary Jo Gregerson '50: "I always look forward to *The White Cap*. Thanks!"

Jewel Reynolds '50 purchased bricks in honor of her friends **Ruth Coghlan Reynolds '48** and **Mary Lou Pierson Burris '50**. Then we got a letter from **Sister Lillian Agnes Oliver** with a check for another brick. "I want to insure that Jewel has a brick imprinted *for herself*," Sister Lillian wrote.

Betty Ogea Moore '51 is a Lifetime Member but decided to show her continuing support of Charity by becoming a Sustaining Member this year.

June Martin Bond '54: *(Written in our Guest Book at the front desk of the school -)* "So good to be here for a visit. Charity, to me, is fond memories. Love to all."

Marion Thibodaux Gatti '54: "Just a note to say how much I enjoy receiving *The White Cap*. I'm so grateful to be an alumni of Big Charity. Those three years of being in school are some of the happiest days I can remember. I'm so thankful and blessed to have had a nursing education. Thought you might enjoy the enclosed remembrances of 1952." *Marion sent us the program from her 1952 Capping Ceremony and the CHSN Catalog for 1951-52.*

Christine Carbon '71: "I enjoy receiving *The White Cap*!! Thanks!"

Juanita Wescoat Graffagnini '73: "I do not work as a nurse, however I do continue to get 15 units of CEU credits each year to explore the education of nursing and keep abreast of what's happening with medicine and nursing. I enjoyed reading the pamphlet, *All I Need to Know about Life I Learned in Nursing School*. Thanks, Charity! I will always value my education I received from Charity School of Nursing!"

Rabetta Touchet '73: "I indicated that I am from the Class of 1973. Those are the people I started school with and became friends with. However, I ended up one semester behind that class, so graduated with three other girls in January 1974. I hope I am still considered from the Class of 1973. I do not know that many people from the Class of 1974. Since I graduated I've worked at Abbeville General Hospital for 40 years and have been the ICU Manager for 35 years. I will be retiring from nursing in August 2014. I have just about enjoyed every minute of it. (Except for those Joint Commission days and State Surveys that can test you and make you wonder *Why*?) I will now stay home with my husband and our hobbies and enjoy life with our four children and 12 grandchildren. Thanks for *The White Cap*. I love reading it and enjoy hearing from our school."

Sheila Perrault Dahlgren '78: *On becoming a Sustaining Member this year,* "My nursing education was the Best!"

Beatrice Foster '84: *(Written in our Guest Book at the front desk of the school -)* "Thirty years ago I was pregnant and living in the dorm for my last semester of school. Sister Catherine 'adopted' me and walked me across the

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Farewells

Inez Boudreaux Black '39 died on August 28, 2014. At the age of 75 and still working in a nursing home, "Boudie" was honored as one of the Great 100 Nurses.

"My mother, **Nova Chappell Mauthe '47**, passed away on September 14, 2014. She always wore her Charity nursing pin. She had converted it to a necklace and was very proud of it." - *Joelle Mauthe*

Nova Mauthe '47 at the 2013 Alumni Luncheon

"My mother, **Lillian Stolberg Morrogh '40**, passed away on May 14, 2014. After graduation she joined the Navy and while stationed at Charity Hospital, she fell in love and married a young intern, Earl Morrogh. They moved to Pineville for his residency at Huey P. Long Hospital, then Earl joined the Army and they were stationed at Fort Dix. After the war, they settled in Cecilia. Mom was a renowned hostess, and a lover and caretaker of all creatures great and small. Mom was always proud of her affiliation with Charity and frequently told stories about her experiences there - some sombre and some hilarious. One that I recall vividly is the story about weiner roasts with interns on the levee. The gist of the story was, somebody would buy one pack of weiners to make it a "legal" event, and everyone would head to the levee and promptly scatter. When it was time to go, someone would blow a whistle, everyone would gather and then all head back together. When asked what people would scatter for, Mom would just smile." - *Ken Morrogh*

"My mother, **Gladys McCain Beblavi '49**, died on July 1, 2013. Mom and Dad were married in New Orleans on July 22, 1949. Five years later, they moved to Colorado and put down very deep roots; they raised a family and lived in the same home for 59 years! When she died, Mom had three children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. She had fond memories of her time at Charity, memories that lasted her entire life. She would often tell anecdotes from her nursing school days - like the instructor who referred to her and her two classmate sisters as McCain #1, #2 and #3! Mom was blessed to live independently, in the home se loved, until the day she died. And we were blessed to have her love for these many years." - *Jim Beblavi*

"I met **Julie Spratt '61** when she started as a student and worked with her on the Charity faculty from 1964 until she retired in 1990. Before starting school at CHSN, she had earned a degree in Sociology and worked as a security guard in a prison. I could never see Julie carrying a gun or a big stick. Julie's criteria for nursing school was that the school had to be in the South, run by nuns and close to a Catholic Church. Charity met all the criteria. Julie's dear friend **Barbara Philipps '61** told me that the faculty had to vote to allow Julie to be admitted to the school because she was beyond the cut-off age of 30. My, how things have changed! I am sure that the students who had their experience in the emergency room at that time remember that your shoes had to be clean and polished and your shoe strings clean. If they weren't, you would be sent from the unit. What you didn't know was Julie had five pairs of nurse's white shoes that she polished every Saturday for the next week. The students that were in school during Julie's tenure were taught by Julie in either Sociology, or the Emergency Room, or in Pediatrics, or the First Level Course. When she retired as Assistant Director of the school of nursing, there was no doubt that the faculty had made a good decision in admitting Julie. She was a dear friend to many and a wonderful colleague who will be missed by family and friends." - *Doris Burvant*

IN MEMORIAM

Inez Boudreaux Black '39 (8/28/14)
Lillian Stolberg Morrogh '40 (5/14/14)
Ila Josephine Alford Kesler '45 (4/7/14)
Nova Chappell Mauthe '47 (9/14/14)
Mildred Terral Allen '49 (6/15/14)
Gladys McCain Beblavi '49 (7/1/2013)
Cecelia Tregre Perret '49 (10/4/14)
Frances DeNicola Harrison '50 (5/13/10)
Angelina DeNicola LaScola '56 (11/12/14)
Ruth Williams Juracovich '57 (9/19/14)
Julia Spratt '61 (10/18/14)
Suzanne Hursey Strahan '64 (8/20/14)
Katherine Magner '68 (8/10/14)
Carolyn Toney Robertson '68 (8/26/14)
Jacqueline Populis Albin '73 (5/17/2013)
Susan Blake Adamson '78 (8/10/14)

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walkway to Charity Hospital to deliver on May 9, 1984. I graduated May 18, 1984. Today I brought my 30-year-old son to show him the walk I made during labor!"

Paulette Guidry '14 was one of only three recipients selected from around the country to receive a scholarship from the International Association of Forensic Nurses Foundation in order to attend the International Conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice in Phoenix in October 2014. Paulette was awarded complimentary conference registration plus a $1,000 stipend, was paired with a preceptor to maximize her conference experience, and is listed on the Foundation's website. Paulette writes, "This is your celebration too, because without you I wouldn't be where I am today. I want to thank you for your leadership and guidance during my experience at Charity. You have fueled my passion. I am sincerely grateful."

Susan Schaff, retired faculty: "Thank you for having me as a guest at the Alumni Breakfast. It was so nice to visit with my former students - both recent and not-so-recent! The occasion will always be a special memory for me."

Martha Washington and **LaJune London**, retired faculty: *(Written in our Guest Book at the front desk of the school* -) "Retired and loving it!"

From the Executive Director

BY LISTA HANK '97

I've got just three words for you: Vote, renew, reserve!

Vote

We have wonderful candidates who are willing to give their time and energy to us, and who want to help lead the Alumni Association. Show your support by voting!

Renew

If you value all the things we do as an the Alumni Association - publishing *The White Cap* and the *Alumni News*, awarding Scholarships, providing Senior Lunch, giving emergency assistance to students in crisis, preserving photographs and archival documents, maintaining the alumni mailing list and the website to keep in touch with thousands of alumni across the generations - please show your support by paying your membership dues. Check your mailing label to see if you are current, and join or renew for 2015.

Reserve

The Spring Luncheon is on March 21, 2015. That's really not very far away, so why are you waiting to buy your ticket? Save yourself some postage by mailing your ballot, membership dues and Luncheon Reservation all in one envelope. You can write one check for everything, too. You know you want to be there!

So here's three more words: cut, write, mail. Cut out the forms, write your check, mail it all in!

Okay, now here's my really last three words: Do It Today! 'Nuff said?

Candidates Biographical Data

No candidates declared for the office of President-Elect, a one-year position that would have converted to the Presidency in March 2016. Bryan Camus, the current President of the Alumni Association, has agreed to continue as President for an additional term.

PRESIDENT - Unopposed

BRYAN J. CAMUS, Class of 2012

Bryan is a Critical Care nurse at West Jefferson Medical Center. He was President of the Charity Association of Student Nurses (CASN) for the 2011-12 school year, and served on the Alumni Association Advisory Board. He was awarded the Charity Honor Pin for May 2012. He is a member of AACN and NODNA, serves on the NODNA board and was honored with the 2012 NODNA Student Leadership Award. Bryan was named the L-OADN Outstanding Student of the Year for 2012. His classmates voted him "Most Spirited" and selected him to deliver the Class Address at the Pinning Ceremony. Before pursuing a nursing career, Bryan did educational presentations at the Aquarium of the Americas, the Audubon Zoo, and the Audubon Insectarium. He volunteered for the turtle and dolphin rescue program after the Gulf Coast BP oil spill, and with the NO-AIDS Task Force's Food For Friends Program. Bryan is the first AD graduate to serve as President of the Alumni Association. He lives on the Westbank of New Orleans.

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Candidates Biographical Data

TREASURER CANDIDATE - Unopposed

URSULA ALLAIN, Class of 1965: Ursula worked full-time for 30 years at Charity Hospital, mostly in the OR, then worked part-time for another 10 years as a Patient Liaison in the Emergency Room. Though retired, she is an active member in the New Orleans Chapter of AORN. Ursula has served CHSNAA as President, Board Member, on the Nominating Committee, and as Treasurer for several years. As Treasurer she has overseen legislative audits and the conversion of the Alumni Association's financial records to computer. She is also chairman of the Scholarship Committee which interviews over two dozen student applicants each semester. Ursula lives in Kenner.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR CANDIDATE - Unopposed

PATRICK REED, Class of 1990: Patrick has earned a degree in Religious Studies at Loyola University New Orleans, a diploma from Charity Hospital School of Nursing, an MSHCM and MBA from the University of New Orleans, and an MSN from Loyola. He holds certification of CPHQ in Quality. He is currently completing his DNP at Loyola. Patrick is a full-time faculty for the University of Louisiana Lafayette in the RN-BSN Online Program. He also works as PRN Quality Analyst for Interim LSU Hospital. He serves on the Board for the New Orleans District Nurses Association as the Communications Co-Chair, and has just completed a term as a Board Member for the CHSN Alumni Association. Patrick lives on the Westbank of New Orleans.

BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES - Vote for Two

CHARLENE R. BERGER, Class of 1979: Charlene began her career as an Oncology Research Nurse at Tulane Medical Center from 1980 to 1989. She was director of a primate research center for four years before working in the pharmaceutical research area for twenty-five years. "My experience during that time was very rewarding as I participated in bringing new medications to market that dramatically changed the lives of many oncolgy patients, especially those with breast cancer." Charlene has served on the Alumni Association's Advisory Committee for the past two years. She will be retiring in the next few months which will allow more time for participating in Alumni Association activities. Charlene lives in Kenner.

CHRISTINE YVETTE SMITH, Class of 2008: Before she entered nursing school, Christine did on-site testing at U.S. Bio-Chem. She has also been involved in the fashion industry. "I'm a people person and I love helping the elderly, so I decided to become an RN." Christine has worked in the OR, CCU, and Home Health. Currently she is opening a residential care facility. While in school, Christine was treasurer of her class, and a recipient of an Alumni Scholarship. Christine lives in Metairie.

AMBER STOKES, Class of 2013: Amber is a staff nurse on the Med/Surg/Tele floor at St. Bernard Hospital in Chalmette. She was the SGA Vice-President for her class while at Charity as well as the Community Service Coordinator for the Charity Association of Student Nurses (CASN). Amber was the recipient of the Marcelle Jacobs Wright Scholarship while in school and received the Margaret Palmisano Pin Award at graduation. "I am the mother of two girls and recently worked with the Daisy Girl Scout Troop to donate baby dolls to the oncology ward at Children's Hospital, and helped my older daughter plan her gold award for Girl Scouts." Amber is a strong believer in community service and has been involved in numerous activities including picking fruit with the New Orleans Fruit Tree Project for the Second Harvest Food Bank, and packing medical supplies for the New Orleans Medical Mission. Amber lives in New Orleans.

2015 ELECTION BALLOT

DIRECTIONS: Circle the names of the candidates of your choice. Cut out the ballot, fold and mail. You can include in the same envelope with other items.

BOARD MEMBERS
(Vote for Two)

AMBER STOKES '13

CHRISTINE SMITH '08

CHARLENE BERGER '79

Check one:

- ❒ I am current on my membership dues.
- ❒ I am renewing my membership today.

Mail your ballot to: **CHSN Alumni Association**,
Delgado Charity School of Nursing
450 South Claiborne Ave, New Orleans, LA 70112

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING

Candidate bios are on page 13. Circle your selections on the Ballot at left, cut it out along the dotted lines, and fold it in half to protect the privacy of your vote. Place it in an envelope addressed to the CHSN Alumni Association. You may include the membership form, and luncheon reservation in the same mailing envelope. Your Ballot will be placed in a secure ballot box immediately upon receipt.

Ballots must be received in the Alumni Office no later than January 31, 2015, to be counted.

CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL

Only current members are eligible to vote. Check your mailing label for your membership status. The number after your name on your mailing label indicates the year your membership expires. For example, "Jane Jones 2014" means your membership expires at the end of 2014. You can vote in this election, but may want to consider renewing your membership now for 2015.

If your label has a "0" or a year earlier than 2014, you are overdue to pay your membership, and you should send a check along with your ballot.

If the number on your label is 2014 or greater, or if it is 9999, 8888 or 7777 (special membership categories like Lifetime or Sustaining), then you do NOT need to renew your membership and you can go ahead and vote. ☙

CHSNAA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Check your mailing label for the year your membership expires. Use this form to join or to renew.

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY!

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First name Maiden/graduating name Last name

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- ❒ $100 Sr. Stanislaus Member*
- ❒ Sustaining Member: a one-time gift of $500 (and never pay dues again).*

*Members at these levels, please select your choice of:

- ❒ Personalized CHSNAA pocket calendar
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You can also join or renew online at
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Charity Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association

Alumni Luncheon

Saturday, March 21

Chateau Golf & Country Club
3600 Chateau Blvd in Kenner 504-467-1351
Exit I-10 at Williams Blvd North, turn left on West Esplanade, go one mile, turn right on Chateau Blvd.
FREE PARKING!
Cost: $35 per person

Registration/Cash Bar opens at 10:30am, Lunch served at 11:30am

Celebrate Spring with friends and classmates in an elegant venue as you savor your choice of delicious entrees, salad, sides and cheesecake for dessert. Make your bid for an antique CHSN Cape at our Shhhh! Silent Auction. Plus: Souvenirs, raffles, door prizes, and so much more!

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If your label has a "0" or a year earlier than 2014 (such as "2007"), you are overdue! Please join or renew your membership now.

If the numbers on your label are 9999, 8888 or 7777, you are in a special membership category (Lifetime, Sustaining) and you do NOT need to renew your membership.

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March 21, 2015